

BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Minutes, Directors' Meeting 12 June 2017, 7:30 pm

Venue: Owen's house, 680 Minnow's Lane.

Present: Nerys Poole, Everhard van Lidth de Jeude, Adrian van Lidth de Jeude, Owen Plowman, Leo Chan, Bob Turner

Regrets: Ellen Coburn, Allie Drake

1. **Approval of Agenda** approved
2. **Approval of previous minutes** approved
3. **Mapping initiative** Leo will add Singing Woods trail coordinates to google maps. Alan Whitehead doesn't want to publish the upper part of SW as it borders on Ecological Reserve, discouraging BIC from putting this part on. We agree not to publish the upper part. When **Leo** gets the files from Alan, he will map them and then send them to us for approval. If approved, will go on the website.
4. **Nature reserves** **Fairy Fen:** Viewing platform – need to decide about hiring someone, when, obtain more \$ to do it and get materials. Shortest route is from CRC road, there is access for a quad, this is private land so will have to get permission. Need to time getting in the materials to avoid the wet season and possibly causing any damage to the bog. Might take a week to build. Everhard thinks **early fall** is a good time to build it.
\$ - we have about \$13,000 from Van City plus \$ in Hikers Trail fund – total would be about \$15,000. Will need to get permission from ITF.
Nerys will speak with Nuala at ITF about whether they have any \$ to contribute and whether they have any objections to us proceeding with this.
Cameron Rolfe made design – we could ask him for a quote. Graham Ritchie may have some suggestions. Andy from Bowenshire? Dave Straps?
Will need an article in UC to let people know.
Once we have answer from Nuala, we will proceed with asking for quotes.
Singing Woods: Nuala is speaking to Claudia about whether the property line is accurate. Management plan goes to ITF Board who will approve it.

5. **Speaker Series** Leo contacted Matthew Ramsay but hasn't received a response. Will try again.
Cetaceans on site workshop **on July 29th at CRC**. A later evening event in the fall with video presentation.
6. **BI Adventure Film Festival** **Sat. May 27 at 1:00 pm**. Bob attended. He had 3 minutes in total to talk about BIC and his film. He distributed some of the BIC pamphlets. There were about 70 people attending, mostly islanders. Has become a showpiece for different activities on the island. Last year was sailing club, mountain biking. This year included, amongst others, local rock climbing, kayaking, extreme running, open water swimming.
Average age was 30.
7. **Land-based Whale Watching** Whale Trail sign design is complete but sign not constructed. Collaboration between BIM, Aquarium, Nature Club and BIC. Will Husby and Bob wrote the intro piece, selected river otters, seals and harbour porpoises, orcas and humpbacks to feature. Will be erected most likely in time for July 29 event. Will be placed at Pebbly Beach at CRC. BIM intending to place a bench there.
Owen will put something on website about this program.
Owen will coordinate with Bonny about putting something in UC.
8. **BIM Parks Plan** Bob raised an issue of concern that he thinks should be addressed in the Parks Plan – cash in lieu of public access is short sighted in subdivisions. Key Recommendations in Parks Plan are general with one smaller subject area called Acquisition and includes a recommendation – focus on acquiring park land suitable for neighbour parks, access points, etc. . . . Question is - who should this go to? Answer is the Approving officer for subdivisions. There may be a subdivision occurring now where another cash in lieu deal was struck. Suggestion: have BIC write the AO and highlight the key recommendation and state we want to build upon that point, that we understand historically there have been cash in lieu deals and given the forever nature of accesses, it is difficult to calculate a value.
Bob will draft a letter to AO (currently Kathy Lalonde) and will provide a response to the draft Parks Plan, recommending that there be something specific about the cash in lieu option as not being a desirable one when it comes to giving up beach access forever. He will circulate the draft to the board.
On Beach access, Everhard mentioned the Galbraith bay map in the parks plan– very little access to the beach there apart from the municipal dock.
9. **Howe Sound Initiative** Ruth would like us to write a letter supporting the UNESCO biosphere initiative.

Owen will draft and circulate to board for approval. Ruth is planning a meeting with Conservancies around the region to update people.

10. Crippen Park Workshop

Allie will attend workshop on June 19th.

11. Items deferred/pending

- Apodaca Park visit: For 2018
- ~~Land Stewardship Program~~
- Hikers Trail funds
- Public invitation to Fairy Fen (wait for signage and trails)

Next meeting:

Dates for 2017:

- **10 July**
- 2 October
- 5 September (Tuesday)