

BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Minutes, Directors' Meeting 10 July 2017, 7:30 pm

Venue: Allie's house

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

1. **Approval of Agenda** approved
2. **Approval of previous minutes** approved
3. **Mapping initiative** Leo will ask Alan about files.
4. **BCTS/Logging Initiative**

BCTS sets up a sale of a pocket of timber and then asks for bids. This has not occurred yet. Forest Service Plan will come first within which a sale may occur. Squamish FN has a logging company and may be interested in this logging operation. Council meeting tonight – we will see results of that meeting, which hopefully will suggest deferral of the public consultation process.

Suggestion from Leo: create a template and put it on Facebook and include names of people who should be copied.

Owen will draft a letter to go out from Conservancy, and will send to UC and put on website. We will then put letter on website with a list of who to send emails to and suggest people use our letter to form their own and send off.
5. **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 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 to follow up on talking to Nuala at ITF about whether they have any \$ to contribute and whether they have any objections to us proceeding with this.
6. **Speaker Series**

Leo contacted Matthew Ramsay who is not keen.

Cetaceans on site workshop **on July 29th at CRC**. A later evening event in the fall with video presentation. **Nerys** to follow up.

Bob suggested partnering with Tim Pardee during the salmon run. Bob and Tim did a meeting like this with SKY, could repeat as an option for

speaker series – late Oct./early Nov

Ellen reported on conversation with Jacqui Massey to show the film, Unearthed. Jacqui agreed we can show at the Gallery.

Ellen will follow up on this.

We will consider asking Fiona MacRaid to give her talk on FNs. She recently gave her talk to Council.

Bob mentioned Salish Sea movie just released by someone in Gibsons, 115 minutes. Could use this as a movie night. Discussion afterwards may be difficult given time of movie

7. Land-based Whale Watching

Owen will talk to Bonny about Whale Trail sign.

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. We need Council to put this in the Parks Master Plan so that the policy will guide future subdivision decisions made by the Approving Officer.

Bob has drafted a letter to Bonny Brokenshire (letter attached) and will copy Mayor and Council. **Owen** will send out under Conservancy letterhead.

7. Howe Sound Initiative

Owen has drafted a letter in support of the UNESCO biosphere initiative. Board approves sending off letter to Ruth Simons.

8. Crippen Park Workshop

Allie attended workshop on June 19th. Judi Gedye spoke at workshop saying we want to save all the cottages. MV will do what they want, despite the consultation process.

9. NAPTEP

Owen and Nerys will visit a property adjoining Killarney Lake as landowner has expressed interest in NAPTEP. Will report back to Board on the visit.

10. 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 meetings:

- 5 September (Tuesday)
- 2 October