



Bowen Island Conservancy

2015 Annual General Meeting

28 November 2014

10:00 am

Today's agenda

- Announcements
- Formal business meeting
- Coffee break
- Featured presentation: *“Safe and Sustainable Shipping—What does it Take?”*
 - Presented by Richard Wiefelspuett, Clear Seas Centre for Responsible Marine Shipping
- Closing remarks

Photos: courtesy of Will Husby, Owen Plowman



Announcements



2015 AGM Formal Business

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of 2014 AGM minutes
- Report from the Chair
- Financial report
- Directors
- Other Business



Fairy Fen

Report from the Chair: 2015

- ATV activity low/ceased (for now): informal ATV group has been helpful
- New trail to the Reserve across Crown Land
- New trail inside Reserve, avoiding boggy area
- New signs erected on trail





Islands Trust Fund

Report from the Chair: 2015

- We hosted ITF inspection visits to Fairy Fen, Singing Woods, and David Otter Nature Reserves
- No issues found
- ITF paid for portion of new trail at Fairy Fen



Forage Fish Program

Report from the Chair: 2015

- Goals : ***Document and Protect***
 - Forage fish are foundational for marine food webs
 - Sampling is ongoing
 - Participated in November Workshop



Rennison Lands

Report from the Chair: 2015

- Conservation priorities
- Multiple walkabouts (Board and members); independently and with John Reid
- Commissioned environmental assessment report on the area
 - Created by Nick Page and Claudia Schaefer
 - Shared with John Reid and available on our website



Conservation Covenants

Report from the Chair: 2015

- Started by Josephine Riley several years ago
- Much work done by Brian Buckingham and Margaret Underhill via BIM
- Halted during last Council's term
- How to proceed? Contacted other organizations ...
- Education vs. enforcement is preferred approach (privacy issues, costs)



Public Education

Report from the Chair: 2015

- Quest University Q&A about National Park process (February)
- “Garibaldi Park: Alpine Jewel of Howe Sound” (April)
 - Bob Turner
 - Attendance by younger people
- Elders Council for BC Parks: visited in July for Killarney Lake hike



The Elders Council group at rest



Collaboration with Municipality

Report from the Chair: 2015

- Beach/marina/dock signage: BIC paying for signs, BIM paying for installation
- Rezoning referral: opinion sought on significant ecological features of lands
- Planning meeting: “dock bylaw”, shoreline issues
- EDC Branding Working Group activities
- Public Hearing on “dock bylaw”
- BC Hydro Pole Treatment Program



Other activities

Report from the Chair: 2015

- Letter to Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations concerning new dock applications at CRC
- Letter to Transport Canada concerning storm damage to existing dock at CRC
- QR code trial at Sandy Beach and Quarry Park
 - Collaboration with Rotary Club and BIM



Outlook for 2016

- Fairy Fen
 - *The Peter Drake Trail*
 - Interpretive sign
 - Viewing platform and bench
- Rennison Lands
 - Continued engagement with John Reid
- NAPTEP collaboration: TBD
- Education activities
 - TBD
- BC Parks program: Apodaca Park (deferred from this year)
 - “Inner city” school visit
- Engagement with Council and Municipality (when appropriate)



Financial statements



Directors

- Leo Chan
- Ellen Coburn
- Allie Drake
- Leonardo Frid
- Owen Plowman (President)
- Nerys Poole (Secretary)
- Bob Turner
- Adrian van Lidth de Jeude
- Everhard van Lidth de Jeude (Treasurer)



- Coffee break



Today's Speaker

Richard Wiefelspuett

- Executive Director, Clear Seas Centre for Responsible Marine Shipping

“Safe and Sustainable Shipping—What does it Take?”

