

Notes of Sustainable Gabriola Meeting Sept 27, 2020

Present: Steve Earle (facilitator), Bob McKechnie (notes), Fay Weller, Judith Roux, Dyan Dunsmoor-Farley, Deborah Ferens, Tom & Charlotte Cameron, Vanessa Craig, Suzi H.

1. Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Grants

Dyan reported that \$'s are available for economic recovery, with money being available for shovel-ready projects (only - *), per <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/economic-recovery/cerip-funding>, and that Julie Sperber is coordinating a collaborative approach to obtaining some. With Oct 29th as the application deadline, **Dyan would like ideas as to application possibilities by Wednesday (30th)** so she can get them to Julie.

* At the meeting it came out that \$'s were available for planning projects too, but this was subsequently corrected.

2. Gabriola All-Candidates meeting

Traditionally put on by the Ratepayers in advance of provincial elections, Dyan speculated they may be reluctant to do so electronically and suggested they might be amenable to collaborating with SG this year if we were to organize and fund an outfit skilled at setting up electronic fora. She knows one in Nanaimo. Bob mentioned that such funding would be within Island Futures' mandate and Fay pointed out IF directors will be meeting on Oct 6th. Dyan will discuss the matter with Randy Young and as well check further as to what costs might be.

3. Beyond Covid Recovery Survey

Fay reported that 363 had responded to the survey, a number that put results within the hoped-for 95% confidence limits. While income levels matched census data, males and under-19's were not proportionately represented. She and Dyan have been busy analyzing the data and will in the near future put out a preliminary report in hopes that others will make suggestions as to what they'd like to see coming out of the data. Bob pointed out that the two of them had done a lot of unpaid work on the survey and thanked them for their efforts.

4. Snuneymuxw First Nation treaty settlement

Dyan reported that the second phase involving two large parcels of land in the Mt Benson area had been completed, and that the third phase involving land on Gabriola will be dealt with next . . . in the fullness of time.

5. Gabriola Island Land Stewards Society

Steve reported that the GILSS is now an official society and will be having a Board meeting soon. The Board will consist of 4 members at large (Steve, Sibyl, Megan Adams and Laura-Jean to start with), six community organization members, one appointed by each of: Sustainable Gabriola, the Commons, Gabriola Housing Society, GALTT, the AGI Co-op, and PHC, and two members appointed by the Snuneymuxw First Nation. Fay, Deb, and Tom all expressed an interest in representing Sustainable Gabriola (with the possibility of sharing the role). Steve expressed that it would be good to have this finalized by the next meeting.

6. SG Website

Suzi reported on the work she and Greg have been doing upgrading the website, that developing a contact page for sustainability oriented organizations is proving difficult, and that the site could use a few more photographs of SG-related activities. Anyone having same please send to info@sustainablegabriola.ca.

6. New RDN Collection Bins

Dyan mentioned a problem she and Dean will be experiencing with the new bins - they're difficult to move some 150 ft from their house to roadside up a non-paved driveway - and expressed concern that Gabriolans in similar situations are apt to leave their bins at the roadside, thus making them an eyesore and interfering with MOTI brush clearing. Vanessa pointed out the bins are towable by those with the right equipment and saying anyone can pay an extra \$10 per collection for pickup at the house.

Adjournment - 4:10 pm.

Next meeting - Oct 25th at a to-be-determined location, with Agi Hall and downstairs at the Community Hall mentioned as possibilities, Dyan facilitating, Bob notes.