

Sustainable Gabriola Meeting – Oct 25, 2020

Present: Dyan D-F (facilitator), Bob M (notes), John & Nancy H-P, Steve E, Fay, Suzi, Deborah, Charlotte & Tom

1. **All-Candidates Meeting** (Steve). Those present who participated thought it worked well, with some 70-80 on the Zoom call and good facilitation on Dan Hurley's part. The curated questions with each candidate getting 1 minute to respond worked well, as did the open question period.
2. **Trees for Tomorrow**. Fay reported that Simone Levesque has an interest in initiating this program, which helps replace downed trees, on Gabriola. She will attend and explain further at the next meeting.
3. **Use of Membership List**. Bob asked for clarification re the sort of things that should be mailed out to SG members, a case in point being a Nov 4th RDN public hearing for which input is being solicited re third reading of two amendment bylaws which, if passed, will clear the way for a privately-owned corporation to expand the Nanaimo airport. It was agreed that Dyan, Suzi, and Bob would draft a policy statement for consideration at the next meeting, and that for the case in point Bob would produce a draft a notice which would go out to members subject to the approval of Steve and Suzi.
4. **Gabriola Land Stewards**. Steve informed those present that Deborah would be the board member representing SG. All thought this was a good choice. The question of groups wanting to join the society (requiring the payment of a \$50 membership fee) came up and Steve said he'd look into it.
5. **Beyond Recovery Survey**. Fay reported that the analysis was more or less complete and that she, Dyan, and Steve were in the process of producing a draft report which would be presented to a small group for feedback in the near future, possibly by Zoom.
6. **Extension of Village Trail**. Steve reported that a funding application (initiated by Scott Colbourne and some Gabriolans) has been submitted to the UBCM by the Island Trust to pay for a scoping study of an extension of the Village trail along North Rd towards the ferry (from the N-S intersection to Taylor Bay Rd.) If the \$10,000 grant is awarded it will be supplemented with \$5000 from the Community Works fund (through RDN) and \$2500 from Gabriola Chamber. The money will be used to scope out the project and to coordinate discussions with stakeholders, including MOTI, BC Ferries, and the RDN. This funding is not for design or construction work.
7. **Meeting Venue**. With colder weather and the Commons upstairs room not available, the question arose about where to meet. Possibilities discussed included Agi Hall, the Poetry Yurt, 100% Zoom, and a combination of live and Zoom. It was decided the next facilitator will investigate possibilities and make the call for the Nov meeting.

8. **Housing Society.** Nancy reported that the necessary bylaw changes had made it through 2nd reading at the last LTC meeting. Ahead lie an information meeting and a Dec 10th public hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm. Next meeting Nov 22nd. Bob facilitating, location tbd.

Facilitator/note-taker Roster:

Bob	Nov/20
Mary	Nov/19
Judith	Jan/20
John	Feb/20
Fay	Apr/20
Deb	May/20
Nancy	Jun/20
Steve	Sept/20
Dyan	Oct/20