

SUSTAINABLE GABRIOLA – NOTES OF MEETING APRIL 25, 2021

Present: Deb Ferens (chair), Steve Earle, Fay Weller, Tom Cameron, Charlotte Cameron, Dyan Dunsmoor-Farley, Pat Jacobsen, Greg B., Lisa Papania, Daniel Papania, Suzi, Hal ..., Vanessa Craig, Tobi Elliott, John Peirce, Nancy Hetherington Peirce

1. BC Ferries – Steve
 - This summer, BCF will be paying for flaggers on Taylor Bay Road for a trial period of 20 days
 - Could be intermittent days, and the FAC will suggest certain days/times
2. Housing Matters Report – Dyan
 - After much work by the volunteer team, the Report re the three surveys (January to March 2021) was presented to the Housing Advisory Planning Commission meeting on April 1, 2021 and to the Local Trustees meeting on April 15, 2021.
 - The Report has been posted on the Housing Matters website and via other social media.
 - Focus was four topics: Biodiversity, freshwater conservation, managing growth, and affordable housing
 - IT staff are now reviewing the report and will bring suggestions for next steps to the May 13 LTC meeting.
3. “Intentional Communities” course (April, May 2021) – Tobi
 - Course is organized by Mitch Miyagawa, and facilitated by Shaun Woods (lives on Gabriola; was involved in establishing the Triple Rock Housing Co-op on Denman); several Gabriolans are in the course
 - Information and discussions are excellent; Tobi will report further after course finishes on May 2.
 - [A Bylaw to Authorize a Housing Agreement](#) (pdf) from the Denman Island Local Trust Committee
4. RDN Director – Vanessa
 - See her comprehensive report in the April 21/21 edition of the Sounder
 - Village Way Path is almost complete; Steve thanked Vanessa (and Howard Houle, former Director) for all their assistance to enable this project to happen.
 - The RDN [corporate carbon neutral 2032 plan](#) (pdf)
 - The [staff report on the Corporate Carbon Neutral 2032 Plan](#) (pdf)
 - The RDN [wetland mapping and monitoring report](#) (pdf)
 - The [staff report of the Wetland Mapping and Monitoring in the RDN](#) (pdf)
5. Climate Change – Deb
 - Two global-level meetings are happening in the next several months: June: G7 Summit, and November: COP 26 (26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties)
 - Deb wondered if the SG group could prepare a contribution to these meetings
 - Dyan suggested that Deb contact the “land-based learning” research project at the elementary school (Kate Reynolds), to ask about working on a joint SG / school contribution
6. GIRO Textile Project – Fay
 - An update was published in the April 21/21 Sounder
 - Three products were chosen from the many submissions to re-use textile material that GIRO receives
 - Group is working on plans to enable production start-up in late summer for these products
7. Nanaimo Airport Expansion – Bob
 - The Public Hearing for the proposed bylaw amendments to enable the expansion was held on April 15/21
 - About 40 people attended, and a large majority was opposed to the amendments
 - RDN Board meeting on April 27th will consider the results of the Public Hearing
 - Here’s the link to the NAP hearing submissions - <https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/airport/widgets/20566/documents>. Scroll down to Public Hearings and choose either the first on Nov 4/20 or the second on Apr 15/21.

8. BC Government Review of the BC Police Act – Dyan

- A group from the Gabriola Health & Wellness Collaborative's Hub group wrote a submission to the review; group was Dyan, Steve, Jordan Mullen (RCMP), Angela Pounds (social worker), Paul Giffen (retired RCMP)
- Focus was to request that the review seriously consider the unique and challenging aspects of rural policing

9. Next meeting: Sunday May 23, 3pm (fourth Sunday of month); facilitator: Nancy; notes: Steve
(Requested agenda item: tree-cutting on private properties on Gabriola)