

SUSTAINABLE GABRIOLA – NOTES OF MEETING ON January 23, 2022

Present: Fay W, Ivan B, John P, Steve E, Tom C, Charlotte C, Nancy HP, Bob McK, Suzi, Deb F, Corbin K, Katharine P, Greg B, Ron F, Dyan D-F, Jim W.

Facilitator: Nancy H-P Notes: Deb F

1. Welcome & Approval of Agenda
2. Climate Change – Deb
 - a. The Doomsday Clock remains at 100 seconds to midnight.
 - b. March 12 “Just Transition Act” Canada wide action initiated by 350.org and Council of Canadians
ACTION: Steve and Deb
 - c. Major UN Summit: Biodiversity COP 15 in China in April 2022
 - d. After some discussion, it was agreed to keep Climate Change item at top of the monthly SG agenda
 - e. Important to balance local/global actions (Fay)
3. Ocean Bridge Pacific Program – Fay
 - a. Offer of volunteer summer help to island organizations (eg. Gertie – wash buses; Shorekeepers – beach clean up; Commons – daphne clearing).
 - b. Add this item again to May agenda.
4. “Gabriola Link” from the ferry terminal to beginning of the Village Way Trail –Ivan
 - a. Committee Ivan, Steve, John, Pat, and Fay, Tom C
 - b. ACTION: committee to approach Mar 3 LTC meeting as a delegation
 - c. Other actions for project: engineering; look for funding.
5. Housing Advisory Planning Commission – Steve
LTC is hosting a webinar information session Feb 22 7-8 pm re: density donations. GILSS will be presenting.
6. Provincial Electoral Boundaries Commission (EBC) – Ivan
 - a. Every five years, an EBC must be established to review electoral boundaries. The most recent was established in October 2020 and must give its report by March 2022.
 - b. An ad hoc group on Gabriola has formed to lobby the EBC to change boundaries so that all of Nanaimo will be in one provincial riding: Susan Yates, Jan Pullinger, Steve Earle, and Howard Stiff.
 - c. ACTION: draft letter of submission to the Commission which is convening in Feb; appeal to groups on Gabriola to sign on.
 - d. At some point Committee will approach MLA Doug Routley.
 - e. Will SG sign on? SG is not a formal body, but individual members could send letters of support; ACTION: share letter with SG members
7. Gabriola Land Stewards Society (Tobi – not present)
Deb as SG rep to GILSS gave very brief update.
8. Municipal Elections in Nov 2022 – Nancy
 - a. Dyan reported that she’s heard Kees will not be running again, not sure about Scott or Vanessa
 - b. looking for and supporting candidates who support SG activities
 - c. resurrect Gabriola Talks, host interactive forums with candidates; keep in mind COVID restrictions when planning
 - d. Keep Elections as standing SG agenda item
9. Clean BC – Fay
Community funds available with 4 project outcomes (Fay will send link);
10. Electric Vehicles – Steve
Very few used EVs available; very few new EVs available right now (supply chain); some recalls are in play (battery issues); Several members shared experiences with waiting for EVs (used & new) to come on the market.
11. Climate Change Targets – Jim
Question: regarding how can Canada meet its Climate Change targets AND continue to grow its population?
Discussion included: Canadian gov’t position is to continue to grow the economy and this is tied to immigration (more workers and professionals); Canada has very low birth rate; Canada welcoming climate refugees as the rich

nations are greatest contributors to climate emissions; hope that Canada does not follow same path regarding climate refugees as some authoritarian European countries; this is a global issue; Canada emissions pushing global south into crisis; Canada's obligation to welcome climate refugees

12. Social Needs Assessment – Local Planning Capacity – Dyan

- a. Report went to RDN with recommendation for Regional Social Planning & Housing Function
- b. RDN board did not approve a regional position
- c. Gabriola Health & Wellness Collaborative proposal – seeking funding from RDN to create ecological/social planning function on the Gabriola with the support of RDN Director Vanessa Craig
- d. if successful - need organization on the island to hold the funds, eg Island Futures?

NEXT MEETING – SUNDAY February 27, 2022, 3pm

Next Facilitator: Deb

Next Notes: Steve