

Notes of Sustainable Gabriola meeting 27 June 2022 3-4:30 p.m.

Present: Fay W(facilitator), Deb F(notes), Betty K, Scott C, Ivan B, Bob M, Joyce L., Alison G.B., Suzi H. Steve E, Dyan DF, Tobi E.

Fay welcomed those present, made a territorial acknowledgement, mentioned the Land Acknowledgment workshop on the Commons in June, and finalized the agenda.

1. Climate Change

a. Climate crisis – Deb

Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty: The Denman Island Climate Action Network presented as a delegation to the Islands Trust Council meeting on June 21, asking the Trust to endorse the call for a FFNPT and send a letter to PM of Canada, Premier of BC urging Canadian & BC governments to support the global initiative. The Treaty would: compliment the 2015 Paris Agreement; prevent the proliferation of coal, oil and gas by ending all new exploration/production; phase-out existing production of fossil fuels in line with 1.5C global climate goal; fast-track real solutions and a just transition for workers, communities and countries. The Treaty has been endorsed by 230 legislators from 63 countries.

Scott reported that the Trust did endorse the call.

ACTION: Deb will draft a letter that members of SG can sign and the letter could also be put on the SG website

b. Climate Communication Working Group – Fay

Gabriola 12-12-12 project — *12 months, 12 wicked problems, 12 (or more) solutions*, followed by Philosopher's Café; Fact Sheets (adaptation and mitigation).

The first event will be held in Sept on "Ecological Systems"; added activity is a Gertie tour of the island to visit/learn about Gabriola's ecological systems.

\$2,000 in funding has been received from RDN. Ground Up Café has been approached as a possible venue.

2. Herbicides - Steve

Steve reported that the Telus property on North Road has been sprayed by 2 herbicides (Milestone – amino pyvalid and Visian Max – glyphoste). The property is 25 metres away from a surface water source. The well managers in the area have been in communications with Telus and Environment Canada to register their concern. Ivan shared information about the Environmental Appeal Board.

ACTION: Scott will add to next LTC agenda; Dyan will contact Island Health, Steve will write an article for the Sounder; Gabriolans can contact the Environmental Appeal Board.

3. Counting EVs – Steve

With goal of 50% EVs on Gabriola by 2030. How do we count EVs on the island?

General discussion: there is a Nanaimo Electric Vehicle Society; ICBC has information; Climate Action Emergency BC Govt; Census question; Gabriola has more electric bikes than cars; Gabriola EV Club?

ACTION: Steve will contact Salt Spring Island, ICBC, follow up with MLA Doug Routley; add to 12/12/12 climate actions.

4. Nuclear Weapons – Deb

Nuclear weapons still pose a significant existential threat to the planet. The specter of nuclear conflict hangs over Ukraine and the world. Climate change supercharges conflict & international security.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) is the first legally binding international agreement to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons with the ultimate goal of total elimination. It was adopted at the UN on 7 July 2017 and entered into force on 22 Jan 2021. As of June 2022, 87 states have signed the treaty and 61 have ratified it. Canada and all other NATO countries are not signatories.

In March 2022, the Dalai Lama, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and other Nobel Peace Prize Laureates called on all countries to join the TPNW.

5. Oceans Bridge - Fay

Group will be doing a 24 hour stop over at Silva Bay in June and August. They would like to volunteer their volunteer services to Gabriola. Suggested GaLTT, Commons, GIRO.

6. Fall Elections

Dyan has approached many people in the community. Most have said “no” so far. There are two people she will talk to further. Tobi reported that she knows one person who is 85% sure that she will put her name forward.

We talked about how to support candidates; SG values we would like to advance with candidates.

SG ready to host All Candidates Meeting and reboot Gabriola Talks with special emphasis on promoting civil discourse particularly around issues and towards candidates and elected officials.

After the election, SG commits to providing support to elected officials, providing positive feedback.

Scott reported that Trust Council passed a resolution to the Province to review the Trust Act and that the Trust Policy Statement will not pass this term – Trustees will advance the draft to the next term

7. Fix It Fair; Bio Char; GILSS

Fix It Fair – well attended and very welcomed by the community. Next one in Sept.

Bio Char – Workshop at Bob & Fay’s place. Provide information to SG newsletter.

Gabriola Island Land Stewards Society (GILSS) Deb is SG rep. Reported by Steve - GILSS made a delegate presentation to the LTC regarding creating a Community Service Use designation in the OCP. Trustees added this to the project list. Tobi explained GILSS working groups.

8. Ferry to Village – Ivan

Ivan provided the background and recommendations of report on the work to create a safe ferry to village pathway. LTC received the report. Committee met with Vanessa Craig (RDN director) in Mar 2022

ACTION: presentation to RDN in the Fall. Reconvene committee John P, Steve E, Ivan B, Fay W., Scott C. to determine further actions.

Dyan – Medical Health Officer (safety public health issue). Scott – talk to SFN re: rights & title.

9. US Supreme Court decision – Roe V Wade

The rights taken away affects all of us.

ACTION: Ivan – open letter to Sounder;

Next meeting: Sept 25, 3:00–4:30 at the Commons. Facilitator Deb and note-taker John.