

# Climate 12 Action!

*a Sustainable Gabriola initiative*

**Action Teams:** Agriculture & Food Security Biodiversity Buildings & Energy  
Consumerism & Waste Economic Change Health & Well-Being Transportation  
Water Arts & Culture Indigenous Ways of Knowing



## Team Convenors meeting notes

**Thursday, 14 December 2023, 3:00 pm, VIRL library room**

Here: Facilitator: Greg Blee, Fay Weller (Economic Change), Gerry Bowes (Composting & biochar), Hans Van Kessel (Buildings & Energy), Howard Bashaw (Water), Joan (Water), Margy (Health & Well-being), Deb (H&W), Steve Earle (Transportation), Susan Swift (Food & Agriculture)

Greg facilitates, notes by Fay

## Territorial acknowledgement

**Howard:** Suggestions that all present become involved in challenging the plan to create a Honeysuckle gravel pit – “Save Honeysuckle Wood” item on GALTT website provides further detail.

## Team updates

### 1. Health & Well-Being

- Emergency Social Services
  - Find out what Shirley is doing, what is the history and in what way we can help. She has been contacted but has not replied yet
- Community Building – gather info of all services – visual mapping process will be collated on line – one stop shop. Next step send all info to Joann. Three groups are key to this coalition.
- Gertie needs tire chains, activate communication. Discussed in January.
- Medical Clinic services, mental health services, gaps. Discussed in January.

Suggestions that information about neighbourhoods be gathered. We felt that we should be creating a community meeting that would define neighbourhoods.

Gertie communication and chains discussion.

### 2. Water

- Committee has met twice and there were so many components that could possibly happen – what can it realistically do.
- Well-smart group on October 26th and William S. gave a presentation to IT about water study ... Need for committee to stay in touch with RDN & IT
- Zones (Island, then middle zone is community use of water, then individual residents)
- IT in a unique position re: water and shifting current system.
- Need to solve individual problem of water and then community problems with water. Plan is to create a resource about water on Gabriola for households. Focus is on storage of water, given that we have enough water – it is just that most of it comes in winter rather than summer.

- Understand the community water situation, understand your water situation. Understand stewardship and responsibility. (see separate doc for rest of this topic)
- People from team writing specific parts.

### **3. Composting & biochar**

- Creating resources from woody debris – biochar & compost
- Large scale composting on Salt Spring Island – does that fit for Gabriola, is Somerset Farm a potential site?
- GaLTT working with Fire department on wood waste. Can we shift it to chipping and composting?
- Biochar – Robbie Huston (Gabriola specialist in biochar) interested in being involved (writing)
- Suggested neighbourhood model for biochar. Gerry, Fay and Susan Yates meet to determine ways to move this forward.

### **4. Transportation**

- Creating more bike and pedestrian infrastructure
- Ferry Hill/Trail: Survey lineups about what is needed
- Rideshare/ebike share/vehicle co-op – start with neighbourhoods – Seafood neighbourhood to start with
- Create a Citizen’s Advisory committee to work with IT, RDN and MOTI – they would be asked to send changes and plans to Advisory committee
- Suggestions to provide easily accessible info for transportation on Nanaimo side – phone # mentioned.

### **5. Buildings & Energy**

#### **a. Building: Rob West’s project**

- A deep energy retrofit case study
- Community info session
- Info Graphic re: operational, energy
- Finished in spring – info for community re: cost of improving energy efficiency of homes
- Propose that investment co-op provides green retrofit loans if owners can’t afford

#### **b. Planning**

- OCP review – limiting house size
- Categories – ALR, etc.
- Energy use
- Indicators – revised those sent by economic change time and added two more
- Proposal to get Energy Navigator over as speaker

## **6. Food Group**

- Intake forms for mentors – what skills do mentors need
- Working on food indicators (meat? Other indicators?)
- Buy Local (with Economic Change group)

## **7. Economic Change**

- Working on indicators with all the teams
- Waste to Resources group met (construction and compost two key areas)
- Matrices to determine cost and GHG for choices
- Co-ops and other collaborative forms of operating
- Buy Local (with food group)

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 3:00 pm at Library**

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