

Sustainable Gabriola Minutes March 30, 2024

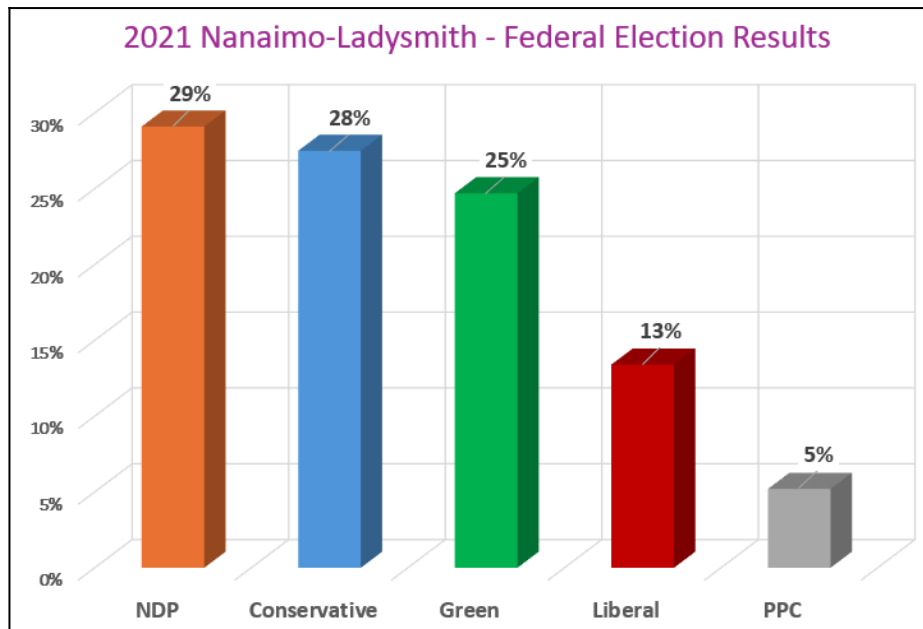
3:00–4:30 pm, Gabriola Commons

Present: Bob McKechnie (Chair), Fay Weller (notetaker) Tom Cameron, Charlotte Cameron, Greg Blanchette, Joan Johnson, Susan Swift, Dyan Dunsmoor-Farley, Saige Arthaud

Welcome

1. **Reconciliation:** Greg got ChatGPT to produce numerous territorial acknowledge statements in order for the group to create an understanding and awareness regarding the potential impact of AI on communication related to reconciliation. There was a lively conversation related to the use of AI and, while the final statement from ChatGPT was seen as a viable statement, there was concerns expressed regarding the use of AI rather than recognizing the importance of relationships and the interconnection as the core to reconciliation.
2. **Fix-It Fair (Fay):** The next fix-it-fair is April 13th from 2 to 4 at the Agi Hall. The need for more promotion was discussed and Greg and Susan indicated they would ensure it would be promoted on social media. Fay will send list of different items that have been fixed in the past in order to assist with the promotion.
3. **Gabriola Climate-12:**
 - a. **Neighbourhoods** initiative: Lots of interest in furthering the neighbourhoods initiative — at this point trying to find the right home for it. Action: in SG email out there will be request for people interested in being part of the neighbourhood team. Info regarding the GaLTT invasive initiative focused on neighbourhoods will go out to 19 Neighbourhood contacts.
 - b. **Water (Joan):** Revised draft of comprehensive water document will be ready end of April (approximately) to circulate for comments.
4. **Health & Well-Being Collaborative (Dyan):** A survey sent to the 50+ members of the collaborative was filled out by 33 of the members. The results of the survey will form the basis for the strategic planning process, which will include two sessions at the Community Hall on May 4th and May 18th. Two members of each member organization are invited to attend.
5. **Biochar (Fay):** There were two biochar workshops planned for March 29th and April 2nd. The March 29th workshop was postponed due to air quality and is now scheduled for April 5th. Anyone interested must register at info@blueheronlearning.ca. There will be a biochar kiln available for community members to borrow from Blue Heron Learning Society. People must have attended a workshop if they want to borrow the kiln.
6. **Communication (Greg and Susan):** The Facebook page for Sustainable Gabriola has become more active and has approximately 90 followers now. There is the need for a logo for the site. Based on the previous logo (salamander) Lynn Creasy (a volunteer) has created six logo options. The communications team will send these options out for a vote to the SG list.

7. **Climate Change Charter:** The draft charter was passed around the SG participants. The intent is to partner with the Gabriola Chamber for this initiative. The draft charter is attached below.
8. **All Candidates Meeting:** The Gabriola Talks group has started the planning for the all candidates meeting, which is planned for the end of April (no firm date yet). There was a concern about vote splitting for this riding and it was proposed that the graph indicating the percentage voting for each party during the last federal election be included in these minutes and posted in the Sounder.



9. **Earth Day events:** A concern was raised that no one has taken on the lead to plan Earth Day events. One suggestion was to create an ad that would advertise all of the various events different community groups are implementing that relate to Earth Day. A request was made for funds from Island Futures for the ad and there was tentative approval pending full approval by the IF board.

10. The meeting ended at 4:30

Next meeting: **Sunday, April 27, 3:00–4:30** at Commons house

Facilitator: Fay

Notes: Steve

Reconciliation moment: ?



Gabriola's Climate Action Charter

As Gabriolans living on unceded Snuneymuxw territory, we acknowledge that the climate emergency poses a significant threat to our island and community. Gabriola organizations, businesses, and individuals are committed to actions that meet the urgent challenges of climate change. We commit to:

- Take significant steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Restore the natural environment and biodiversity;
- Plan for and adapt to climate risks;
- Respect Indigenous knowledge and ways; and
- Develop solutions aligned with climate science.

We must take strong action now to ensure that coming generations have a future.

Gabriola's Climate Action Charter was adopted by:

_____ On this date: _____

Gabriola's Climate Action Charter
is a collaboration of Sustainable Gabriola' and The Gabriola Island Chamber
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