

January 3, 2017 Gabriola Commons Council Notes

Present: Bob Andrew, Brenda Fowler, George Szanto, Kit Szanto, John Peirce, Deb Ferens, Rebecca Furnell, Judith Roux, Patrick Roux, Charles Silva, Jinny Hayes, Deb Ferens, Kim ?, Patsy Ludwick, Linda St Clair,

Facilitators: Bob Andrew & Sharon Pattison Notes: Deb Ferens

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. 20 minute discussion
3. Team Reports
4. Business Arising
5. New Business
6. Next Meeting
7. Next Note Taker

1. Welcome/ introductions

Defer to next council meeting: discussion on notes taking, follow up notes for minutes, and archiving team minutes/notes.

2. 20 minute discussion

Feb: 1. Ask CPR Team to report back on the “hat” process

2. LRP Team Projects

Mar: Financial discussion (Trustees & LRP Team)

April: CPR – finish hedge report?

For future consideration: how council works

3. Team Reports

Grant-Writing/George: Village Food Market Community Card approval - \$5000 Dedicated for parking project.

Trails & Green Spaces/Kit: continue to have workbees and workbee meetings; new member has joined the Team

Sharing the Commons/Kit: request for Council Minutes – reminder that minutes are on the website. Proposal coming – Tool Library for woodshop. Request for rental space in Aug by Camp Gabriola. A form will be sent to them asking for more information. Next meeting: Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15 (3rd Wed of each month).

Special Events/Rebecca: Planning Spring Fair; signage in progress

Farm Management Team/Sharon: successful Food Safe course made \$80. May run another one and perhaps charge more\$. Composting project in progress. Seed bank inventory happening & ongoing. Sharon stepping down as rep for team. Thanks to Sharon for all her dedication and excellent reporting!
Next meeting: Jan 30 at 9:30am

Communication & Signage/Jinny: 1000 copies of brochure in print.

Property Management Team – no report. Next meeting Jan 5, 2016

Trustees/Deborah: presented recommendation to strike a Finance Team with the rationale that bookkeeping is a lonely, complex activity, the Commons financials are complex and detailed, and the Commons is committed to “stewardship”. Creating a team to work together (at regular workbees on all the bookkeeping details, data entry, budgets, etc) will provide a supportive and skill sharing service to the Commons. While there will be a core finance team, team reps and others will be welcome to attend and pitch in, ask questions and help strategize best practices for a team approach that continues to ensure due diligence, transparency and relevant information for teams and the community.

People for a Healthy Community/Brenda: very successful Spirit Feast in new location (Fellowship Church) and use of Commons Community Kitchen (proved to be a fabulous resource). Everybody got fed!

Kitchen Stewards/: next meeting Jan 9, 2017

4. Business Arising

- a) Do all the Teams practice consensus decision making?
- b) When is a team a team: Deb will assemble an addendum to the minutes.
- c) Tag Line: “Where Land & People Meet” – has been sent out to Teams for review & comment. Follow up at Council

5. New Business

Recruiting new team members (wide ranging discussion)

Communique - how does one get on communiqué list?

Clarification between “membership” and “participation”

Action: revise participation form – add email address: “participation @”with a dedicated person/team. Did Jinny say she would be this dedicated person?

Brochure distribution – great brochure

Website in renewal. Question about website: why would someone show up to the Commons?

Welcome Wagon – is ongoing.

Idea of an Open House

Spring Fair – add “open house” “scheduled tours”.

Action: Communication Team – conduit/collector – what is next step to connect interested participant to a team? Rebecca?

6. Next Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 7, 2017 at 7pm – Commons big room

7. Next Note Taker: Farm Management Team