

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2008

ATTENDEES

Sarah Davies-Long, Guy LaFlam, Angela Davies, Sue Wells, Kevin Logan, Patty John, Kim Tourner, Jeannie McIntosh, Alison Nicholson, Madelaine MacLeod,  
Guest: Loren Duncan

Called to order 7:40

Agenda:

Approval of minutes of AGM. Sarah has not yet received minutes of AGM; Madelaine to resubmit, including list of directors. Motion to approve the minutes of AGM in their absence; Sue /Kevin – carried.

Item 1: Madelaine to prepare letter to Jack Peak (Island Corridor Foundation) in follow up to his suggestion that there might be funds available to the CSAA for restoration work on the Cowichan Station, including request for guidance/direction/support for same. Letter to be emailed for directors' approval prior to submission.

Item 2: Intention of open house to get feed back on heritage and cultural places that community values inadvertently included environmental and other issues. Intention was to focus on top 5 which were, in order: school, rivers and creeks, village, wooden bridges, train station. After discussion, decisions made to move Rivers and Creeks (rank #2) to another meeting; to be included in environmental discussion. Alison commented that the open house discussion recognized that the natural environment is an important issue with community so need to have discussions sooner than later. Discussion about differentiation between “built” vs. “natural” (ie farm vs forest); also to be included in “natural environment” conversation. Thought that these are all issues that can be promoted in our vision to raise awareness about protection. After discussion, meeting focused on following topics:

**School:** Continue to explore opportunities of school use; concern over maintenance/vandalism/safety of site. Loren advised that CVRD Parks & Rec can take over maintenance of grounds. Madelaine will make a soft/generic inquiry of the local school board about approved use of school property (after hours) so we can get better understanding of what type of access we have to grounds (ie maintenance).

**Village:** to include wooden bridge, station, rail overpass in Village. Discussion about designation of heritage status of bridges. Loren informed us that there are various degrees of heritage status and it can be limiting. He will refer our notes/comments to Mike Tippet and Catherine Tompkins (who handles heritage issues). Madelaine indicated that she has seen people on and around the railway crossing bridge. Loren said this is CVRD investigations of bussing and acquiring access to land for a bypass. There was dialogue on possible use of smaller buses as well as connecting routes to/through

Glenora. Question poised about emergency vehicle access under bridge, etc. Also, signage to bypass bridge says CPR on uphill side; nothing on downhill side – should some be added? This would also open village to more corridor traffic. Access to proposed idea of CS Village center needs to be considered....streets must be safe.

Conversation and clarification on CVRD grants.

Grant in aid (\$1500) – request not to be tied to anything specific. Need a letter ASAP to Lorne indicating our plan (ie upgrading green space, signage etc. for heritage features of Cowichan Station). This grant is complimented by:

Tourism grant (\$1500) – this is through Economic Development Commission. Need a letter identifying what we want re signage. Not urgent – have until end of 2009.

Motion put forth by Alison: To develop a plan to enhance the heritage features of Cowichan Station Village and plan to be identified in letter to Loren Duncan by July 15, 2009. Seconded: Guy. Carried

Motion put forth by Patty: To form 3 committees

1. School
2. Village (to include station, bridge, overpass, church)

Discussion: keep committees small to generate interest only. Seconded: Sarah. Carried

Motion put forth by Sue. To form a committee for the second Cowichan Station Conversation – Parks and environment, to be held in September, with recommendation it be held/hosted at Bright Angel Park. Seconded: Patty. Carried.

Committees: The following directors will sit on the three established committees

School: Sarah, Madelaine

Village: Angela, Patty, Kim (Chair), Jeannie

Parks: Sue, Kevin

Item #3: Further Business

>Church Summer Celebration: July 12. Asking for any help for a couple of hours to set up and take down. Rob Woodward @748-4611

>Tea and wave: August 17. Train day with children's activities and market. Any interest contact Susan @709-9907.

>Jeannie will coordinate CSAA phone tree to ensure people do not miss out on info if they do not have emails

>Stream keepers course – info sent by Lorne. Course is how to survey rivers. Registration must be done by mid Sept at latest for this session. Recommend we hold off until Spring 2009 when we have had the second conversation and have the committee involved.

>Suggest we establish a media contact to ensure same message going out everywhere. Kevin will be our contact.

>Next Directors Meeting July 16, 2008 at 7:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:20

Minutes prepared by M. MacLeod  
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