

## Minutes

### Cowichan Station Area Association Directors Meeting

November 21, 2008

9:00 am

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St. Andrews Church Hall, Cowichan Station

#### Attendees:

Angela Davies, Sarah Davies-Long, Patty John, Guy LaFlam, Kevin Logan, Jeannie McIntosh, Alison Nicholson, Gwen Siciliano, Sue Wells (chair)

Topics	Discussion/Actions/Decisions
1. <b>Welcome/Minutes/ Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sue reviewed the agenda and minutes.</li> <li>• <b>Decision –minutes approved</b></li> </ul>
2. <b>Committee report - Village centre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terry Burnett from Burnett signs met with the committee to review wood sign options. A basic raised lettering with red background “train look” sign was agreed upon for the Village of Cowichan Station. Proposed that three signs will be located as you enter the village area:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On Koksilah by the bright Angel park sign</li> <li>• On bench just below the mailboxes</li> <li>• On Koksilah between Foxrun and the school.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Action: The committee will go ahead and get estimates for the work and pursue approval from highways to erect the signs.</b></li> <li>• In addition to the \$1500 we have in grants for signs, the Community Tourism program will grant us \$1500 for heritage signage to honour St Andrews church. These funds must be spent before the 2009 tourism season.</li> <li>• <b>Action: The committee will approach the church to work collaboratively on this signage.</b></li> </ul>
3. <b>Committee report – School Site</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The committee explored the Elsie Miles school situation and learned that the school was operating under an agreement with the CVRD prior to it closing. It is now being taken over by the CVRD.</li> <li>▪ <b>Action: The CSAA should consider embarking on the development of a proposal to present directly to the school board regarding using the school site as a multi-purpose community hub.</b></li> </ul>
4. <b>Committee report – Parks and Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A streamkeepers course has been requested to be held next spring on the Koksilah.</li> <li>• Environment Commission has been invited for this coming Monday night to present the draft environment strategy at our general meeting.</li> <li>• We will use the evening to have a community conversation about the goals and the implications/desires for our area and introduce the idea of following up with a subsequent meeting to map the environmental assets in our area.</li> <li>• <b>Action: Treasurer to reimburse Madelaine \$10 for copies of maps for this exercise.</b></li> </ul>
5. <b>Old Business – Island Corridor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Action: The CSSA will write to the island Corridor Foundation to ask them/encourage them to include our association in any dialogue/process re the development of a commuter train.</b></li> </ul>
6. <b>Old Business – Emergency preparedness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Guy LaFlam reported that he has contacted the CO-op gas station on Bench and the highway about the possibility of putting in place a procedure which would enable access to fuel when the power is out.</li> <li>▪ <b>Action: the association will draft a letter for Guy to use which introduces the association and our interest in developing emergency preparedness strategies for the Cowichan Station community area.</b></li> </ul>
7. <b>Third Place Sign</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A more functional sign is needed for the church’s community coffee spot.</li> <li>▪ <b>Action: Gwen will price out sandwich board signs</b></li> </ul>
8. <b>Community Event</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Action Sarah will explore the use of the church hall for an informal community gathering by donation– leftovers and dance between Christmas and the New Year.</li> </ul>
9. <b>Adjourn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action: Remember to get one paragraph committee reports to Madelaine by Sunday so they can be included in the materials for the general meeting on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> November.</b></li> </ul>