

TRAILS COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Trails committee became active again in September 2011 after a dormant period. Our main focus was to assist the CVRD with its intended Cross Island Trail as laid out in their Parks and Greenway plan for Denman Island.

We spent many hours studying the various routes available to us and in February of this year proposed a motion to the DIRA membership to accept a recommendation that the Cross Island trail be routed along Denman and East roads. The motion was passed and much work has been done since then to provide Karin Albert of the CVRD Parks branch with detailed information on the proposed trail from the entrance of the new Denman Dock to the top of the Big Hill by the Wailing Wall. Subsequently the proposed trail has been walked by an engineer, a skilled trail builder and a representative of the Highways department. The consensus is that the Trail is do-able and we await reports back from the Engineer and Highways for their input.

The next stretch of trail is along Denman Road from the top of the Big Hill to East Road. Again this has been walked and certainly looks far easier proposition than the first section. A detailed report to Karin will be soon be available.

We intend to apply to Denman Works for a grant that would allow us, the Trails Committee to complete an easy section of trail from near the junction of Lacon Road to the Real Estate office on Denman Road. Basically we hope to upgrade the old trail put in many years ago by the original Trails Committee but to a width of 2 – meters. Should we be fortunate to receive this funding we feel this will be a very positive start to the Cross Island Trail and something Islanders will be quick to notice.

Other work of the committee involves planning and constructing a trail in the Northlands area, maintaining trails in Boyle Point Park and liaising with the Parks Committee in a joint project to plan and build trails and bridges in the new Northlands Park area,

I would like to recognize and thank the following current members of the Trails Committee;

Ralph MaCauig
Michael Gorman.
Graeme Johnston
Frank Frketich
Derek Hood
Allan Danks.

I would also like to recognize and thank Harlene Holm for her time with the committee.