

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday, 24th July 2018.

Reports:

Regrettably Anne will be leaving our Trails Committee, we will all miss her.

Frank maintained the Cross Island trail this month, see his partial report attached.

With only a few brave souls braving the heat we were able to clear a very overgrown trail linking the Butterfly trail with the Railway Marsh trail. As Rick noted during our work, "I did not know a trail was even there, it's so overgrown", or words to that effect.

Tim reported for the Parks Committee that the Ant Hill trail is now an official Google trail. That the CVRD are intending to make a piece of vacant land on Piercy Road into a CVRD Park. That more work is expected to be done on the Morning Beach staircase. That the CVRD will hold a public meeting on September 8th at the Recycling Centre for public input into the way forward on the Cross Island Trail.

Old Business:

Tim has tried out the new hand blower and offered some tips for operating the blower. The battery has two positions when attached to the blower, the first holds the battery in the blower, the second is when the battery is pushed in further it is now engaged and will run the blower. Do not re-charge the battery until it is drained because the battery has only so many re-charging cycles, topping up the battery will shorten the life of the battery. Tim also feels the blower will be most useful in the fall for leaf removal on the trail.

New Business:

We discussed a second larger battery for the blower but did not put the purchase to a motion; perhaps next meeting we can formally approve the purchase of a second battery.

Wednesday, 22nd August is the date for our next trail clearing; we will be clearing 1 or 2 short sections of trail that branch off from the Railway Marsh trail. This trail clearing will most probably be "hand tools" only due to the fire risk. It will be good to put our skills with loppers and pruning saws to the test again. **Please meet at the trailhead of the Railway Marsh Trail at 9-am, (0900 hrs.)**

With regard to the Cross Island Trail, Annette Reinhart conducted a survey about the preferred route for the extension to the trail; the majority was in favour of East Road being the way forward. Both Trails and Parks Committees also support this route. See attached letter.

The Cross Island Trail maintenance walks are as follows:

Allan, August; Ian, September; Howard, October? Graeme, November; Michael, December; Allan, January: Tim. February?

Please call Allan if the maintenance person needs any of the following equipment:
Blower, Hedge trimmer, Brush cutter, rake, loppers, pruning saw.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 28th August at 7.30 am (19.30-hrs) at the Fire Hall.**