

## DIRA Trails Committee Minutes 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017.

### **Cross island trail report:**

Margie and Ralph reported that there was little garbage on the trail, but more garbage by the side of the road. Margie reported that the thistles that seem to bloom every year in abundance were much thinned by last year's efforts by several folk to remove thistle plants root and all, great work. While M & R will walk the trail a couple more times this month they report that the trail is in good shape.

The monthly maintenance list is as follows:

Frank, June: Anne, July: Michael, August:

### **Recent projects:**

At our recent work party on the 2nd May a good sized group of us made a new trail up the steep bluff overlooking Betty's Beach. Big trees were cut away at the start of the trail and a switchback was created to lower the grade at a steeper part of the new trail. There may be a little more trail work needed at the top of the new trail but other than that it's a "Hands in pockets" walk now, a great improvement over the old bluff trail.

On the 16th May a group of us cleared a section of the Wren Trail in Denman Island Park. We removed much broom, a few fallen trees and cut off many stumps from an earlier trail clearing.

### **Next work party:**

It was agreed that our next work party would be on Wednesday, 7th June, meet at the entrance to the Gravel Pit off of Park Road at 10-am. We will be clearing many fallen trees from the Shady Lane trail in Denman Island Park. Tim and Graeme will bring along the Fire Department Kubota to help carry the equipment.

### **Hike:**

A date has been set for a group hike to Hornby Island on Wednesday 21st June. Meet at the Gravelly Bay ferry terminal for the 9.40-am sailing. We will walk the middle bluff trail and then cut down to the road that will take us to Fords Cove where we will stop for refreshment. From there we will take the lower trail back to the ferry landing and a possible stop at the Pub.

Anyone wanting more information, or wanting to join the Trails Committee please contact any committee member: Allan Danks, Frank Frketich, Tim Fuchs, Margie Gang, Michael Gorman, Graeme Johnston, Ian Lark, Ralph McCuaig, Anne Page, Howard Stewart.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**