

## Minutes of meeting on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

### **Reports:**

Cross Island Trail Maintenance Report for September 2017.

Graeme reported the trail is generally in good condition and that a contractor cut back the vegetation on either side of the trail and did a great job. Maintenance generally consisted of cutting back various vegetation that encroached onto the trail, dealing with more horse droppings and picking up litter. As noted in other reports a horse that uses the trail is badly loosening the trail, hopefully the wetter weather will pack it down.

**Tim, October: Ralph and Margie, November: Allan, December: Anne, January:**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of September a small number of us worked on improving and finishing the top part of our new switch-back trail by the side of the bluff. We then cut through and removed a large alder and smaller fir that blocked the 3-cedars trail. Thankfully due to recent rains we were able to use the ATV as a tool carrier.

Parks Committee report:

More good news was received from the CVRD regarding a RoW on the east edge of Denman Island Park, near the gravel pit, that has been released from the agricultural people making the transfer of this land more certain to be approved as an official RoW for public use. This RoW opens up a couple of entrances to the Park but the RoW also needs a short new trail with-in the Park to link it with Park Road.

A boardwalk is planned over the marsh near the property of Shawn White between Islands Trust land and BC Parks land. Tim and Graeme estimated the cost of putting up about a 110-foot long boardwalk. The Conservancy people will be organizing the construction of this project. This boardwalk will allow the crossing of the marsh year round and in flooded conditions.

Boyle Point Park.

We were successful in obtaining funding from BC Parks for our project to erect posts with maps at the junction of trail with-in the park. We, The Trails Committee, have agreed to install the posts and maps and will start as soon as we receive the material. The project needs to be completed by the end of March 2018.

### **Old Business:**

None.

### **New Business:**

The new extension to the Cross Island trail is now underway. The contractor, Michael Rapati is working from Corrigan Road to Swan Road and it will be interesting to observe the trail as it is constructed. A quick measurement makes the trail about 1-kilometer long.

Our next work party will be on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October** to widen and improve the Betty's Beach trail. We will meet at the main Park entrance **at 9.30-am**. If a couple of you that own Pulaski's, will you please bring them, the rest of the tools will be in the ATV.

Ralph proposed a hike in Helen Mackenzie Lake using the loop trail. Ralph suggested **25<sup>th</sup> October** as the date but will check weather condition to ensure good weather. Ralph will be organizing this hike, so any questions please refer to him.

Margie will write a short volunteer-recruiting article for the Grapevine and Flagstone.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017**.

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