

Trails Committee Summary, May 2016

Michael Gorman tended the Cross Island Trail for May, using the hedge trimmer to cut back vegetation. His suggestion that his ride-on-mower could be used to trim the edges of the trail where possible was supported by the group. CIT cleaning is to be done four times each month by a committee member.

The monthly maintenance list is as follows:

Anne, June: Graeme, July: Laura, August: Allan, September: Howard, October.

This month's work bee in Boyle Point Park, resulted in a new bypass trail above Betty's Beach junction. Graeme cut a section of a downed cedar for a small bridge over a nearby stream.

We met with Karin Albert of the CVRD. She will try again to get an engineer report on the feasibility of building a trail up the Big Hill. There will be \$100,000.00 available next year to continue trail building, and it's hoped that the trail can be extended to at least the junction of East and Corrival roads. The Corrival RoW was discussed, the Trails Committee stressing that this was their preferred route. Karin hopes that trail construction can begin early in 2017.

Building a switchback trail on the bluff area above Betty's Beach is a priority for this year. A new route will be flagged, and downed trees that can form part of the switchback trail will be identified.

Trail members have been voluntarily donating their CVRD maintenance money back to the Trails Committee. The Executive of DIRA insists that the individual making the donation must receive a payment by cheque, and then write a cheque to DIRA, Trails Committee. Allan will give it to the DIRA Treasurer.

Ralph organized our next group hike to Little Qualicum Falls for ***Tuesday, 31st May, meeting at Denman West for the 9.40-am ferry.***

Our next trail clearing venture will be Shady Lane Trail in Denman Island Park. Allan will bring in the tools on the 6X6 from the Park Road side, while participants can walk in from the Wren Road side.

Trail clearing date: ***Tuesday, 7th June at 9.30-am at Wren Road trailhead.***

Since many Denman trails need attention, a second work bee will replace our monthly group hike. In Boyle Point Park, we'll create 6 x 6 access to the 3-cedars junction. Improvements to the steep slope could be made from the improved trail.

Date: ***Tuesday, 21st June, meet at the "Tree in the road" at 9.30-am.***

It was approved that Allan purchase 5-gallons of gas for our mechanical tools.

Our next meeting is: **Tuesday, 28th June, 2016 at the Fire-hall at 7.30 pm.**