

Trails Committee Minutes November, 2016 Summary

Ralph and Margie reported on maintenance walks on the Cross Island Trail. Some grass was removed, but removing it all is not possible.

The monthly maintenance list is as follows:

Anne, December: Frank. January:

With unpredictable weather, it seems that work parties need to be planned on a spontaneous basis.

The Parks Committee, including both Graeme and Tim, cleared salal from a section of the Pickles Road trail using our hedge trimmer.

Building a switchback trail to replace the direct route on the bluff area above Betty's Beach continues to be a priority.

Margie continues to report our activities on the DIRA web site, based on our official minutes. She also wrote a short blurb for the Grapevine, thanking 3- local companies - Baynes Sound Insurance, Re/Max and Pemberton Holmes - for their kind donations.

Margie received a communication from Laura Busheikin of Islands Trust:

The LTC's involvement with the Cross Island trail is mainly to provide comments, cautions and recommendations as we see fit, based on our OCP, our understanding of how trails fit in with land use goals, and what we hear from the community, although the Regional District is responsible for its own community consultation.

The trail project is to a large degree based on the Denman Island Parks and Greenways Plan, which is part of our OCP (as an appendix, I believe) and is intended guide priorities for parks, trails and greenways. This plan was created by the Regional District with input from the LTC (and community consultation).

The 'Insurance' question will have to wait until Frank returns from holidays. Allan will email him.

Allan will set-up a meeting with Daniel May in the near future, notifying committee members.

Allan wrote a letter supporting acquisition of a section of Gravel Pit Road for access to Denman Island Park from Park Road. The letter will now be forwarded to the CVRD.

The Trails Committee will purchase a chainsaw bar and chain, chain oil, 2-stroke engine oil, bucking wedges and 5-gallons of gas up to a total of \$250.00. Allan will cost out the purchase price of a mapping computer program called OZI-Explorer.

Allan and Chris will host the annual Christmas party. \$50.00 will be donated to Chris to off-set the party expenses. This will be our next meeting : **Tuesday, 20th December at 5.30-pm at 6550 East Road.**