

Minutes of the CLRSS Board Meeting Monday, March 4th, 2019

6:30 p.m. at Country Grocer Meeting Room.

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In attendance: Board members: Judy Brayden, Chantelle McGeachy-Carden, Diana Gunderson, Lyndon Keeping, Parker Jefferson, Mike Patrick, Ken Traynor. CLRSS members: Lois Atchison, Rick Bryan, Bee Greenway, Lyle Kuchmak, Peter Noble and Katharine Staiger. Guests: Town of Lake Cowichan Mayor, Rod Peters, CVRD Board Chair and Area F Director, Ian Morrison, CWB Executive Director, Tom Rutherford, **Absent with regrets:** Leroy Van Wieren, Rosemary Danaher, Christine Brophy, Rodger Hunter, Genevieve Singleton, Jean Atkinson

The CLRSS Board welcomes the opportunity to meet and to involve the membership in the society's decision-making process. Therefore, all members and community are welcome to attend and to participate in the meeting discussion. While all opinions may influence decision-making, only Board members may move/second or vote on motions.

<p>Agenda: RMS Diana Gunderson/Lyndon Keeping that the agenda be adopted as printed. CARRIED</p>	<p>Action: What? By Whom? By When?</p>
<p>Minutes of the previous meeting: RMS Judy Brayden/Diana Gunderson that the minutes of the February 4th, 2019 CLRSS Board meeting be accepted as printed. CARRIED</p>	
<p>Guest: Town of Lake Cowichan Mayor, Rod Peters thanked the society for the invitation to attend. We discussed the Gerald Thom Memorial Native Garden in Saywell Park and the upcoming 75+ <i>Beyond</i> celebration on August 18, 2019</p> <p>Further to our discussion about the plans for the Gerald Thom Memorial Native Garden, Mayor Peters asked us to write a letter to Parks Committee Chair, Carolyn Austin, in which we would reiterate the request to complete the signage for that project. Mayor Peters referred to the dock in Central Park and reported that the improvement project was underway. He reported that the Town's annual budget would be forthcoming, and that there is a new supervisor of public works, Mr. Trevor Auger. When questioned about the implementation of the RAR within the Town's boundaries, the mayor suggested that we contact him directly if we should encounter any RAR bylaw infractions.</p> <p>The Mayor also reported that there would be no "Lady of the Lake" competition this year and the future of the Lakes Day parade and event is also unknown at this time.</p>	<p>Bee Greenway will write the letter to Parks Committee Chair, Carolyn Austin, outlining the request for the official sign for the park.</p>
<p>Business Arising from the Minutes and Old Business:</p> <p>1. CLRSS Executive recommendations from March 4th meeting – Ken Traynor reported on items discussed. 1.) Proposal from the CWB was discussed and ways to try to reach out to shoreline owners about the weir issue were examined; we discussed our Executive Committee idea of stocking our CLRSS event table with information about the existing LIDAR work, using a printer and computer to print off individual map portions for individual shore owners. CWB Chair, Tom Rutherford, appreciated the idea of raising awareness about the water levels associated with additional storage but reiterated that proper factual information is pivotal; our jobs are not to convince people, but to give them the necessary factual information to make an informed decision and opinion; the sooner that we can organize an information outreach tool or program the</p>	

<p>better; timeliness is important; everything is about education. He reiterated that very soon the CWB would be meeting to strategize about an educational outreach program. Then idea of publicizing the water level on days when it is reaching the new height so that homeowners could go out and experience the actual rise in water was discussed and will be part of To Rutherford's discussions with the CWB. Ian Morrison suggested that if there could be factual information then we could use that; Tom Rutherford will report back to Ken asap with an update as to the usefulness of the existing LIDAR information.</p> <p>2.) Further Board discussion about next steps will be undertaken at the April Board meeting. Electronic copies of the Royal Roads presentations have been circulated to all Board members who were urged to read the documents and bring their responses for discussion at the April meeting. Two questions to be addressed will be: 1) Do we agree that CLRSS is at the mature or declining stage on the Non-profit Organization Life-Cycle curve? 2) If we agree on the need for a renewal process; when should we do it, should we use a professional facilitator, and will the process include outside participants? Mike Patrick and Chantelle McGeachy-Carden were asked to suggest options with cost estimates for upgrading our website including the adding the ability to purchase memberships on-line.</p> <p>3.) The issue of recording volunteer hours was addressed. It was emphasized that this is a requirement of Board work and that Mike Patrick will expect that information will be sent to him electronically on a monthly basis. If however this does not occur, Judy Brayden will add a column in the sign-up sheet where some could report their hours at the monthly Board meeting. Further a reminder will be sent with the Board package each month.</p> <p>2. Mile 77 Park Plan – NIL report</p> <p>3. River Clean-up (Sunday, August 18, 2019) – Diana Gunderson reported that on February 25th we had a large meeting of the committee heads; at that time we decided that the bottle-drive will take place on the actual RCU day; a calendar will be coming out shortly and Jake's has confirmed that they would once again provide the RCU lunch.</p> <p>4. Sunscreen Update – Ken Traynor reported that BCCF will hear within the next two weeks on the grant for research on the problem.</p> <p>5. CLRSS support for the Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre's Conserving & Protecting Cowichan Fresh Water for a Climate Resilient Future - NIL report at this time.</p>	
<p>Cowichan Watershed Board – CWB Executive Director, Tom Rutherford, reported that lake levels and river flows are low for this time of year; Paper Excellence (PE) may begin early storage this year as early as March 11th, 2019. The CWB has a new format for annual plan – 5 year strategic plan. Tom reminded us of the importance of the VIU Speaker's Series and to watch for the schedule. A strategic response to the Minister's form letter will be forthcoming once further meetings take place. Tom reiterated that the weir was the top priority item in the 2019/20 CWB working plan.</p>	
<p>Report from the CVRD – CVRD Board Chair, Ian Morrison, reported that the CVRD budget process was underway. He also reported that Ditidaht First Nation has applied for rezoning on band lands subject to local zoning, in order to expand their existing rustic campground on the Lake.</p> <p>He also referred to the upcoming public hearing (Tuesday, March 12th at the ISC in Duncan) on the application for rezoning from Western Stevedoring, in Cowichan Bay.</p> <p>Further, he praised the CLRSS for being a beacon of reasonable behaviour in cases of problem solving.</p>	

<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rosewell Creek and Horne Lake Restoration (see attached separately), 2. Letter from Sonia Furstenau (see Appendix 1), 3. Symposium on Water Stewardship in a Changing Climate in Parksville, BC - April 2 - 4, 2019 (see attached separately). 	<p>3. Contact Ken if you are interested in attending the symposium on Water Stewardship and Climate Change.</p>
<p>Communication's Committee - Ken Traynor tasked Mike Patrick and Chantelle McGeachy-Carden with the website work mentioned earlier.</p> <p>Education Committee - Ken Traynor reported that the committee members met to discuss the criteria for the Gerald Thom Environmental Studies Bursary.</p> <p>Landowner Education Committee - Judy Brayden and Chantelle McGeachy-Carden reported on the Landowner Education video; progress is underway drafting the script; a videographer has been identified; a grant applied for with Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF).</p>	<p>Ken Traynor will send a copy of the bursary criteria to Judy Brayden for our records.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report - Leroy Van Wieren was unable to prepare the report this month but very little has changed from the previous month. Full report coming to the April Board meeting.</p>	
<p>Fundraising Report - Maureen Quested has planned a Fundraising Committee meeting for March 22nd to discuss three possible activities. They will be announced at the April Board meeting. The Fundraising Committee meeting is 12:30 at Jake's at the Lake.</p>	
<p>Retail Sales Report - Rosemary Danaher - NIL report</p>	
<p>Social Report - Rosemary Danaher - NIL report</p>	
<p>Membership Report - Mike Patrick reported that the membership price is now \$4 and that we have registered no new members. Mike is preparing a letter for members and that at the April 27th Country Grocer Customer Appreciation Day, CLRSS will have a recruiting table.</p>	
<p>Strategic Plan Committee Reports - Due to length of meeting agenda, NIL reports may be recorded.</p> <p>A. Regional Meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i.) Stewardship Roundtable - Parker Jefferson reported on the recent meeting; that a fulsome report on the health of the Koksilah Watershed analysis is being prepared, with the help of CLRSS past vice president, Heather Pritchard. He also encouraged everyone to attend the public meeting on the community forests of Six Mountains on March 5th. <p>B. Land Stewardship:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i.) CSSP - Diana Gunderson reported that project Manager, Christine Brophy, has been contacting candidates and has six confirmed properties on the lake for this year's restoration work; the CSSP project workers application has been published. <p>C. Water Stewardship:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i.) Water monitoring - Ken Traynor reported that we are still waiting for the results. ii.) Stream signage - NIL report <p>RMS Diana Gunderson/Parker Jefferson that the reports be adopted as presented.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	<p>Heather Pritchard will be invited to report to a future CLRSS meeting.</p>

Adjournment motion by Mike Patrick at 8:35 p.m.	
<p>Important dates:</p> <p>March 22nd 2019/20 Fundraising meeting – Jake’s - 12:30 lunch - everyone welcome</p> <p>April 1st Regular CLRSS Board Meeting – 6:30 Country Grocer meeting room</p> <p>April 11th LCS Health Fair - from 10:15-12:15 with set up time between 9-10:15</p> <p>April 27th Country Grocer Customer Appreciation Day</p> <p>April 30th RCU Steering Committee Meeting location TBA</p> <p>May 6th Regular CLRSS Board Meeting – 6:30 Country Grocer meeting room</p> <p>May 28th RCU Steering Committee Meeting location TBA</p> <p>June 3rd Regular CLRSS Board Meeting – 6:30 Country Grocer meeting room – Lake Days Parade Report</p> <p>June 8th Lake Days Parade??</p> <p>June 25th RCU Steering Committee Meeting location TBA</p> <p>July 8th Regular CLRSS Board Meeting – 6:30 Country Grocer meeting room – River’s Day Report</p> <p>August 6th RCU Steering Committee Meeting location TBA</p> <p>August 12th Regular CLRSS Board Meeting – 6:30 Country Grocer meeting room</p> <p>August 18th, Annual River Clean-up</p> <p>September 9th Regular CLRSS Board Meeting – 6:30 Country Grocer meeting room</p> <p>September 28th River’s Day on the Cowichan.</p>	

Appendix 1: From: MLA Sonia Furstenau

February 10, 2019

Dear Ken,

Thank you for your letter, and your recommendations. I agree wholeheartedly that we have a long way to go on the reforms of professional reliance, in conjunction with reforms to forestry practices generally in BC. Adam and I are making forestry a priority in this session, and we will keep your recommendations top of mind as we work to see improvements brought in by this government that will protect forests and ecosystems. We very much recognize the inherent weaknesses of the FRPA and PMFLA.

Please do not hesitate to reach out again, and hopefully we can arrange a time for me to come to the CLRSS this Spring to give an update in person on the work we are doing as a caucus.

All the best,
Sonia

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