



# Elphinstone Community Association

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## Minutes of General Meeting November 16, 2022 – 7 PM Via Zoom

<b>Executive</b>	Rod Moorcroft – President	Clint Budd – Vice President
	Trish Wray – Treasure	Clint Budd / Lucie McKiernan – Secretary
	René Mandigo – Membership	Tamara Hedden - PAC
	Brian Thicke – Director	Janet Oxley – Director
	Ben Foster – Director	
<b>Guests</b>	Shelley Gagnon, General Manager Community Services, SCRD	Drew Brennon SCRD Parks
<b>Members</b>	Attendees in total	23 + 3 guests

1. Call to Order and land acknowledgement	Called to order at 7:01pm. Rod gave the land acknowledgement	Action by
2. Agenda	No additions – <b>motion to adopt Lucie/Brian – carried.</b>	
3. Guest Speaker	1. Kelly Loch – Green Shores See below for notes.	
4. Director’s report	1. Donna McMahon, Director Area E SCRD See below for notes.	
5. Adoption of previous minutes	1. October 19, 2022 minutes – <b>motion to adopt Trish/Lucie – carried.</b>	
6. Correspondence	1. None	
7. Reports		
1. President	1. No report	
2. Vice Pres.	1. No report	
3. Treasurer	1. Trish reported \$3,089.29 in the chequing account; \$14.54 in	



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	savings; the gnome account is closed as this project if complete. <b>Motion to adopt Trish/Lucie – carried.</b>	
4. Secretary	1. No report	
5. Membership	1. René reported we have 79 paid members and 29 unpaid members.	
6. PAC	<p>Report from Tamara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cedar grove principal has gone on mat leave; the new principal Jamie Sadler will be full time at the school.</li> <li>• No teacher has volunteered to do the Christmas play so the PAC is going to try and come up with something simple. Tamara is organizing a Christmas dance for December 17.</li> <li>• There are currently three fundraisers underway– all income in fundraising activities is down as everyone is feeling the effects of inflation.</li> <li>• The school has been funded to give the Route of Empathy program. Mr Brampton will conduct this for 7 months. This involves the students engaging with a baby and parents, so that the class learns how to give basic care to the baby.</li> <li>• PAC is waiting to install a “buddy bench” – this is part of the empathy training. If any student sits on the bench students are encourage to ask them if they need help.</li> <li>• The Secret Santa will be happening again this year and 9 families will be sponsored.</li> <li>• Cedar Grove PAC is conducting their meetings in person and are having good turnout. The other PACs are still meeting virtually and not having the same success with turnout.</li> </ul>	
7. APC	1. There have been no APC meetings called.	
8. Sub-committee Vision/Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The draft was attached to the agenda.</li> <li>• Janet presented the vision, guiding principles and objectives – this has gone out to the general membership with the request to review and give feedback at the January social planned for January 28<sup>th</sup> as well as between now and the AGM. The final document will be presented for approval at the AGM. The draft will be sent out once again before the</li> </ul>	Janet/Brian



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	January social.	
9. Sub-committee January Social	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Winter social is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, depending on infectious diseases at the time.</li> <li>2. Clint requested a volunteer to work on publicity – Clint and Janet will discuss. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Clint.</li> </ol>	Clint
9. Old Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Projects - information only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build a path between Grandview/Swallow and Grandview/Clark; - nothing further to report. This item should stay on the list as we get people together to work on it.</li> <li>• Build a path between the end of Reid Rd and the top of Highlands Rd; leave this project on the list. Brian will talk to people at top of Highland to see if we can use the trail.</li> <li>• Repair Chaster House bridge abutment. Rod and Brian looked at it and we have a letter draft to review under new business.</li> <li>• Upgrade/repair OBE trail in weak areas between 6th St. and Swallow Rd. with gravel, stair repair and fences; Remove this item – he’s not intending to do anything himself. This item will be removed after the minutes have been approved.</li> <li>• Build a path between the north end of Hough Rd. and Hwy 101. The subdivision still not through. Keep on list.</li> <li>• Assist homeowners in building rain gardens along Chaster Tributary between Hwy 101 and Kearton. To be deleted after approval of minutes.</li> <li>• Promote a “Green Shores” protection of Chaster Park and OBE; Kelly Loch will be at the general to talk about Green Shores. Shelley Gagnon from SCR D will also attend. Lucie will send zoom link to both.</li> <li>• Lobby for 50kph speed limit IGA to the cemetery. Woodcreek and Poplars are working on this.</li> <li>• Lobby for pedestrian islands on Hwy 101 at Woodcreek and Poplars. Same as above.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Gower Point Road update. See MoTI’s reply attached. We now wait and see if there is any action.</li> <li>3. Reestablishing Everything Elphinstone on the ECA website. We</li> </ol>	<p>Brian</p> <p>Brian</p> <p>Brian/Rod</p> <p>Brian</p> <p>Rod</p> <p>Delete</p> <p>Brian</p> <p>Rod</p> <p>Rod</p>



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	<p><i>don't have anyone with the expertise to do this.</i> This item is in limbo – anyone out there willing to take on the website? – David Weintraub came forward. He will take a look at the existing site – <a href="http://elphinstonecommunity.ca">elphinstonecommunity.ca</a> to gain an understanding of the platform used. David will volunteer depending on the platform. Thank you, David!</p>	<p>Rod David</p>
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10. New Business	<p>1. Suing Big Oil draft letter attached. Board approval to present to the general. Approved to present at the general after which OK it will get sent off to SCRD. There was much discussion about the pros and cons which concluded with a motion to approve sending the letter to the SCRD – Ben/Trish – carried with 11 in favour and Brian opposed.</p> <p>2. Proposed Letter to SCRD Parks for board approval. See the draft attached. Two additional changes were made. Agreed that this draft will go to the general for approval. Brian – there will be an update from Shelley Gagnon at the OBENA meeting. Motion to approve sending the letter to the SCRD - Lucie/ René – carried.</p> <p>3. Raquel Kolof to present re Stage 4 for farmers. She’s asking for support. – Raquel was a no show to the meeting.</p> <p>4. Update from George Smith on meeting he attended – George was a no show to the meeting.</p> <p>5. Do we want a December meeting? If yes, December 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The board has said NO. What does the General say? – those present agreed no meeting in December.</p> <p>6. We are hoping to get back to in person meetings in January if infectious diseases are not dictating our lives – What is the memberships feeling – people would like to get back to in person.</p> <p>7. The following motion was made at the Board meeting to be presented to the General Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motion: Request for someone to be the coordinator for collection of information about Gower Point Road from the boundary with the Town of Gibsons and including Chaster Creek Bridge that affect the safety of any road users. Lucie/Clint – carried.</b> If you would be willing to take this on please let us know. René is looking for a person to coordinate this. After some discussion René volunteered and Janet volunteered to help René.</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Raquel</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Janet and René</p>
11. Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No board or general meetings in December</li> <li>• Board meeting – January 11, 2023</li> <li>• Winter Social – January 28, 2023</li> <li>• Board meeting – February 8, 2023</li> <li>• Next General – February 15, 2023</li> </ul>	



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12. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 9:34pm <b>Trish/Lucie - carried</b>	
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Please note the meeting was recorded. The following notes are summaries of the presentations. If you wish to listen to the recording for the full details, please contact us at [elphinstonecommunity19@gmail.com](mailto:elphinstonecommunity19@gmail.com) and we'll send it to you.

### Kelly Loch Presentation

- Kelly acknowledged that she was joining us from Cobble Hill in the traditional territory of the Cowichan People.
- Green Shores has two arms - Green Shoreline development for large-scale projects and Green Shores for Homes. Her presentation focussed on shoreline repair which is basically a framework for nature-based solutions.
- Four underlying principles – restore shoreline, enhance habitat, prevent/reduce pollutants, avoid/reduce cumulative impacts.
- Science based – wave energy, lessen flooding, incentivize habitat restoration by planting resilient approaches to sea level rise and climate adaptation.
- Credit ratings best practices for shoreline and homes, bar is set high, good to be able to say our project is a green shore project, projects can become certified, training of GS professionals, work with local government, she said they have been in touch with the SCRD.
- Establish local govt working groups – minimal commitment involved
- Training – level 1 overview, level 2 2-day course credit ratings and field work, Level 3 approved professional.
- Certification – early adopters for home owners – can include things like Passive Haus, learning best practices for property and building – no cost for green shores for homes; for shoreline some costs involved.
- Values of shorelines – riparian zone provides so many functions – habitat etc. nearshore zones vital for juvenile salmon – they need leaves and bugs in their migration so vital need for trees on shoreline.
- Kelly used Chaster Creek and Park as local example during her presentation.
- Effects of shoreline hardening – important for wave dissipation, hard wall increases the potential for flooding and erosion, good place to start Chaster Park.
- GSSD – Green Shores for shoreline development would be a good place to start re Chaster Creek – prerequisites would be studied in stage 1.
- Restoration of shoreline sediment and tidal flow credit 4 would apply to Chaster – you get points for meeting the requirement of the credits.
- Credit 8 – climate change adaptation would apply.
- Hybrid design – might be applicable – e.g. hard material underneath topped by soft material. Hard solutions such as concrete walkways are not approved by GS.
- Natural shoreline also an option.
- Hybrid design for Chaster House.
- Plantings recommended for Chaster Park to replace the lawn.
- Training can be brought to our community.



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- Next step – enrol a project, assemble a tech team to involve stakeholders and a coastal engineer if possible, finalize budget and permitting, do outreach and engagement, raise funds. We need a proponent to take it forward and this could be ECA
- Kelly's email – [kelly@stewardshipcentrebc.ca](mailto:kelly@stewardshipcentrebc.ca).
- [Stewardshipcentrebc.ca](http://Stewardshipcentrebc.ca) – check out the website for lots more information.

### Donna McMahon's Update

- Since July – 5 Emergency Operations have been called, two for heat, one for a cyberattack, one for drought, and one for the windstorm. Hopkins lost access to their water system when trees took out both pump stations and the main water storage emptied out overnight. Those residents are now being supplied with water from Langdale.
- Water – the bad news is that we will likely be in the emergency all winter long. The good news is consumption levels are low, but well below target of 8.5Mltrs/day. The alpine regions are frozen, lower watershed not behaving normally – partly because of lack of rain and that it got so dry. Water not properly soaking into the ground. Result creeks are not running normally. Currently Chapman is just enough to supply our water. If it continues creek will continue to drop. Water is being supplied from Gibsons, Chaster well, and Soames well – staff are just pushing through as much as they can. SCRD is hoping to have Church Road well on line in January. Crews are doing an outstanding job – special thanks to Airspan helicopters flying the crews up and hauling equipment in challenging circumstances. Emergency management BC have parachuted a team in to assist the staff and to help with projections so we are forewarned.
- Special meeting of SCRD board called to hear a delegation of hockey kids and parents – could we change emergency restrictions to allow Sechelt hockey arena ice to be installed. The request was approved with a vote of 3 against and 5 for – Donna voted against as she felt it was inappropriate when we are concerned about how to keep hospital running in the event things get worse. The hockey families came with a commitment that if the SCRD agreed to flood the ice from Chapman then the community will pay for the ongoing maintenance i.e. by bringing water in by truck.
- SCRD and SCREDO – Donna attended a meeting discussing how businesses would be impacted by a boil water advisory. This might be necessary if water has to be brought in from Grey Creek.
- New SCRD board has been sworn in with all Directors except one and all Alternate Directors present. Len Lee Area A Pender Harbour is the Chair and Donna was elected Vice Chair. She is also Chair of the Electoral Services Committee.
- Quarterly report from Planning – there are many by-law infractions being dealt with. The planning fees need review and increasing as they haven't been updated since 2005.
- Donna attended the Transportation Choices AGM. This group doing excellent work.
- Gibsons and District fire meeting next week – will be a report on the windstorm.
- Properties on the end of OBE which are beachfront are currently serviced by the Roberts Creek fire department. RCFD would like them to be serviced by Gibsons.

There was some discussion pro and con about the approval to flood the arena for hockey.



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