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General Meeting February 15, 2023 – 7 PM Via Zoom Minutes

Executive	Rod Moorcroft – President	Clint Budd – Vice President
		Clint Budd / Lucie McKiernan – Secretary
	René Mandigo – Membership	Tamara Hedden - PAC
	Brian Thicke – Director	Janet Oxley – Director
	Ben Foster – Director	
Absent	Trish Wray – Treasurer	
Members	14 participants on zoom	

1. Call to Order	Rod called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.	Action by
2. Agenda	Additions – two items added 8 and 9 under New Business. Adopted Lucie/Tamara	
3. Guest Speaker	We were unable to secure a speaker for this meeting.	
4. Director’s report	Ashley St. Clair, Donna McMahon’s new Alternate Director introduced herself and gave Donna’s report on her behalf as she is in Nanaimo. See below for the full report.	Ashley
5. Adoption of previous minutes	Minutes of November 16 general meeting were reviewed. Motion to adopt - Lucie/David – carried.	
6. Correspondence	See New Business item 3.	
7. Reports		
1. President	No report.	Rod
2. Vice Pres.	No report.	Clint



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3. Treasurer	Trish is away.	Trish
4. Secretary	The March and April meetings will be held in person and Frank West Hall has been booked.	Lucie
5. Membership	Membership dues for 2023 are now due - \$10 per person per year. René asks that everyone please renew – see the details for how to do this below.	René
6. PAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamara hosted a Valentines Dance with 200 people in attendance including parents, teachers and kids. It was a fun family event. • PAC meeting – kindergarten registration is open. • There will be a welcome event for the buddy bench Fri 25th March – all are welcome. • New program at Landale school – natural take on learning – K-Grade 3 learning how to grow food. They may have a few spaces for other schools to enrol. • Concern about possible vaping at the school. PAC has asked VCH to come and talk to the kids about the dangers – not 100% sure it's happening but the smell is being noticed. 	Tamara
7. APC	<p>1 No meeting in January – no report.</p> <p>Area E APC members for 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenchley, Nara Two-Year Term • Degan, Mary One-Year Term • Hermann, Arne One-Year Term • Macdonald, Laura One-Year Term • McDougall, Clinton Two-Year Term • Moorcroft, Rod Two-Year Term • Paré, Anthony Two-Year Term • Sanderson, Michael One-Year Term 	Rod
Comm Reports		
Chaster House / Park Standing Comm.	See update below.	Brian
Website Standing Comm.	<p>Progress is being made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website is live, content added. David is waiting to add a 	Clint David



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	<p>form for contact which will require consultation with board members. Clint will address this and get updated board information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an events calendar and Donna’s videos are up. • Thanks for feedback Brian – under consideration. • Do we want to publicly post minutes and financials? For future discussion. • Everyone is encouraged to take a look and give feedback - elphinstonecommunity.ca. 	
Socials Standing Comm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clint to call a meeting of committee – discuss when socials will be held for the year appropriate to the season. • Gayle has given keys to kitchen cupboards at Frank West Hall together with the donation jar containing a small amount. Gayle reported that in the past attendees generally gave donations which covered the cost of coffee and tea provided. 	Clint
Trails Standing Comm.	No report.	Brian
Area E Roads Standing Comm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aware of drilling at S curve and exploratory work. • Spots have been patched – 14th/GPR is one. • Brian noted that Gundula Brigl, Area Manager Roads Sunshine Coast with MoTI will be the guest speaker at the OBENA meeting tomorrow. Everyone is invited so if people want a zoom link let Brian know. • David – is anything being done at the end of OBE to address the road issue? Brian reported OBENA is on to it but the solution is not easy. What to do and how to pay for it is a long process. • Brian let’s keep lines of communication open and issues in the foreground. Money is coming from the province but we don’t know what might be coming to SCR D yet. • René suggested that volunteers step forward who would scour the internet for funding on an ongoing basis. 	René
Vision/Mission Ad hoc Committee	Janet circulated the proposal at the social and encourages everyone to review it on the website. Hopefully the wording will be approved by the membership at the AGM. She will send correction	Janet



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for the website.

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| 8. Old Business | None to report. | |
| 9. New Business | <p>1 Grants available from SCCU – projects may be funded up to \$5,000. Please send ideas to Rod.</p> <p>2 SCRD Grants in Aid – projects may be funded up to \$5,000. Send ideas to Rod.</p> <p>3 Correspondence re 945 Gower Point Road – Rod shared photos. See below for discussion with Sandra Coll.</p> <p>4 Jen – OBE clean up – Jen not available tonight.</p> <p>5 Chaster Creek study – SCCS, ECA, OBENA want the SCRD to work with the ToG. – see report and discussion below.</p> <p>6 Lot Y coming up for subdivision. See discussion led by Ben below.</p> <p>7 Has everyone seen the new Federal boundary for us? You can read the report here: Report – British Columbia – British Columbia - Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution (redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca) and a map viewer is available which shows the proposed federal electoral boundaries set out in the Report: Redistribution of Federal Electoral Districts - 2022 (redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca). Members of Parliament will now review the Report and submit any objections they may have to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs. The Commission will review and dispose of these objections later this spring and will produce its final Report by early summer of 2023. The new federal electoral districts for British Columbia will then be proclaimed in early fall of 2023. These new federal electoral districts will become effective on the first dissolution of Parliament that occurs at least seven months after the date of proclamation.</p> <p>8 Irene Davy of Gibsons Wildlife Rehab Centre is looking for an employee to help. Please let any potential candidates know to contact her – 604-886-4989.</p> <p>9 Volunteers are organizing for a ditch bash on Saturday, March 25 from 10:30 to 12:30. For further information, please contact Lee Carter, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> | <p>René/Rod</p> <p>Rod</p> <p>Lucie/Rod</p> <p>Jen</p> <p>Angela/Brian</p> <p>Ben</p> <p>Rod</p> <p>Rod</p> <p>Rod</p> |



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10. Next meeting
 - 1 Board March 8th Zoom
 - 2 General March 15th Frank West Hall 7pm – Two speakers from Sunshine Coast Hospice will join us.
 - 3 Board April 12th on Zoom
 - 4 AGM April 19th Frank West Hall 7pm
11. Adjournment Rod adjourned the meeting at 8:48pm. René thanked everyone.
Motion carried René/Lucie

SCRD Director's Report – Ashley St. Clair, Alternate Director

Ashley moved to coast in 2021. Very privileged to join such a warm friendly community. She is currently on maternity leave with her 3-month-old. Also has a 3 year old and looks forward to both attending Cedar Grove. They are an outdoorsy family that loves biking, hiking and enjoying Dakota Ridge.

Ashley has been a Renewable Energy Planner with the City of Vancouver for the past 6 years, primarily working on developing renewable energy policy and projects, and a focus on the City-owned Neighbourhood Energy Utility - a low carbon utility that recycles waste heat from sewage to provide low carbon space heat and hot water to buildings in the False Creek Area (first large-scale application of sewage heat recovery technology in North America. The plant is under the Cambie St Bridge.

Ashely is now transitioning into a new role as Senior Green Buildings Planner with a focus on developing policy and regulations to decarbonize existing building stock in Vancouver, as directed under the COV Climate Emergency Action Plan.

Ashley would be happy to be a guest speaker at a future general meeting to expand on some of her work.

Here is Donna's report – thanks Donna for providing your text for the minutes: Newsletter

- Sent out a newsletter on Feb. 12 with top concerns at the board right now.

What I've Been Up To

- Intergovernmental meeting on water was held on Jan. 16 in Sechelt Nation Hall - next one is coming up in early March. All four local governments were there.
- On January 28 attended the Capilano University Open House and listened to a presentation by Aaron Joe, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Salish Environmental Group - he is working with community members on the Salish Sea Regenerative Farm project which is starting with a patch of land under the power lines behind the hospital - he is a very impressive speaker
<https://www.coastreporter.net/local-news/a-new-sunshine-coast-farm-hopes-regenerative-agriculture-will-heal-6050995>.



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- Was elected Vice Chair of the SC Regional Hospital District, with Silas White as Chair - this was reported in the newspaper - there are rumblings of discontent from the other RHDs (Powell River and Squamish-Lillooet) about our relationship with Vancouver Coastal Health, so changes may be in the offing.
- I was appointed SCRD representative (non voting) to the Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations Committee - attended my first quarterly meeting on Feb. 2 via zoom - I will be following up with UBCM on some questions around the role of local government in reconciliation - we've been encouraged to attend the next meeting in person which should be interesting - it's a huge board room on the 28th floor of the Metro Vancouver Regional District building in Burnaby.
- At the other end of the spectrum, I very much enjoyed being interviewed at my kitchen table by councillors Alton Toth and Brenda Rowe for the Locally Speaking podcast; lots of fun and am happy to send a link to anyone interested.
- I have put my name in to run again for the executive of AVICC - the current executive is busy planning the upcoming conference (April 14-16 in Nanaimo) - the new executive will be elected at that event - it has been a good networking opportunity but a disrupted year due to having to hire a new staff person, and of course, the local elections.
- On February 6 I attended the Climate Summit in Richmond hosted by the Climate Caucus (this was on my own dime; we have enough conferences coming at taxpayer expense) - Two very impressive speakers were former Vancouver City councillor Andrea Reimer, and former Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson. The latter is working for Co-operators Insurance now, looking at multistakeholder partnerships for building climate adaptation and mitigation infrastructure - I am happy to send links to these presentations to anyone interested - This was a good networking opportunity and I especially enjoyed talking to Lara Beckett, Chair of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.
- On Friday Feb. 10 we had our regular meeting between the rural directors and MLA Nicholas Simons - I like to think we were focused on important advocacy issues (rather than potholes and ferries) - we were very glad to hear from him about the \$1 billion funding for local governments being provided by the province out of their surplus, but told him we hoped the formula for apportioning the money would be much fairer than the way that Covid funding was handled - municipalities received FAR MORE \$\$ per capita than regional districts, even though our services were the hardest hit - keep your fingers crossed.
- Have been attending various public engagements including budget presentations to the Sechelt Nation Government District, Town of Gibsons and District of Sechelt - also attended a meeting for Keats Island residents who are on the Eastbourne water system (which requires \$1 million in upgrades).
- Had fun at the Scrabble Tournament at the Gibsons Public Library on Feb. 18, organized by well known Elphinstone community members Vern and Marilyn Giesbrecht - Area E was well represented.
- Am currently at LGLA in Nanaimo getting educated.

Upcoming



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- Will be interesting to see who is elected to the Squamish Nation council - this is the first time I've seen extensive coverage in the local newspaper; I suspect this is partly thanks to outgoing (or not?) Chief Warren Paul.
- New SCR D website is due to roll out Real Soon Now - we've been waiting with anticipation since late last year.
- I might attend the High Ground Civic Governance conference (March 24/25) but am waiting for them to publish the program before I decide - I have been talking to the organizers about their lack of programming relevant to regional districts and have volunteered to work with them on material for next year.
- Budget Round 2 is March 2.

SIGN UP FOR NEWSLETTER! - visit EverythingElphinstone.ca.

Membership Dues:

Membership dues are due for 2023. René provided the following to make life as easy as possible for you:

The following is information that new & renewing members need for paying their 2023 ECA membership dues prior to the Annual General Meeting in April;

Membership is \$10.00/year/person, payable to/at the Gibson Credit Union 985 Gibsons Way, Gibsons BC (604)740-2662.

(1) Annual membership payments can be made in-person at the bank counter using the ACCOUNT #6869 &/or the ACCOUNT NAME Elphinstone Community Association ~

OR

(2) Annual payments can be made via on-line Direct Deposit bank transfers to Elphinstone Community Association (from your payee list) using the account email address;

With either way of depositing... please be sure to request a "DESCRIPTIVE CREDIT MEMO RECEIPT" with your first and last name on it - - this way you will have a receipt and VOTING PRIVILEGES in the year paid for - - and ECA membership automatically has this recorded.

René Mandigo
ECA Membership Chair

604-740-1286

604-886-4269

PS: Please note, cash and cheques won't be turned down, but it makes for extra volunteer work so please be a volunteer yourself by paying annual dues via one of the above requested options. Note: If



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you need me to pick up, and I know some will need this for valid reasons, please phone or email me & I will come by. Thank you, René.

Committee Reports

Chaster House – Rod/Brian

The SCRD Parks, ECA and OBENA were scheduled to meet with a geotechnical engineer and consulting engineer January 31. The funds have been allotted to hire these people. The meeting has been delayed as they have not been able to hire the consultants yet. When they do, we will meet.

Once the engineering reports are submitted SCRD Parks will develop a plan, a budget and look for any possible grants that might be available. This will be presented to the SCRD board. If the board approves the plan, then parks will submit a budget proposal at the 2024 budget meetings. That is, one year from right now. Assuming Parks can get all the necessary permits to allow the work to proceed, we might see a new bridge summer of 2024. Having said that, permits can take a long time, especially First Nations approvals. Frankly, a new bridge in 2025 is probably a more likely time line.

Unfortunately, all levels of government are constrained by various levels of bureaucracy.

945 Gower Point Road – Sandra Coll

- Derelict cabin on Secret Beach has been vandalized; garbage strewn on the beach; parties; remains of campfires near trees; terrible mess on the beach.
- Sandra is advised that these structures are the responsibility of the closest property – current owner does not want responsibility.
- Whose responsibility is this?
- SCRD claim is it's on crown land so is provincial responsibility.
- Sandra has filed a RAPP report and she's heard nothing.

René – fire department should be responsible we should ask them to look at it.

Brian – agrees, maybe they could have a training exercise here and use it for practice – wonders if we could get a grant in aid for doing the cleanup – work together with the FD and grant in aid.

SCRD Bylaw – Sandra emailed the parks department – she only spoke with the parks department.

Jonathan – looks like active development happening around – clearing adjacent to it. Could the timbers be useful and taken out?

René - FD might deal with MoTI - could we call on the barge folks who helped us moved all the items in the past

Rod – plans to speak with Rob Michaels at the FD. Any removal would have to be via barge. He thinks they had collected rent on that building in the past. We should involve our MLA.



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Gayle – they still have some of the bins from the last cleanup – perhaps organize a community effort again?

Sandra – beach parties are a hazard and happen frequently. She'd like to see more education in the schools.

Tamara – will bring to the next PAC meeting to see if Cedar Grove admin will take it on – she agrees that education is key.

Action:

- Rod will reach out to Gibsons FD.
- Lucie will reach out to SCRD By-Law.
- Sandra will write to Nicholas Simons and contact the Coast Reporter to see if they will take it up.

Item 5

Chaster Creek Study

- Elphinstone watershed assessment put on SCRD budget in round one \$150,000 – was not recommended by staff. Donna pushed it to next level scheduled March 2.
- Gibsons is doing an assessment of Chaster Creek – OBENA asked SCRD to participate with Gibsons – Ian Hall acknowledged would need funding but they do work with Gibsons and then they will apply for a grant.
- Idea is that OBENA, ECA, SCCA to work together and write to SCRD Directors to ask please fund the \$150,000 – even a smaller amount to begin the data collection – lots of reasons e.g., the bridge and Chaster House won't be worked on until have some information about creek flows.
- Poised to send a letter to SCRD Directors asking them to push through the budget item.
- Rod met with Michelle Lewis this week (Gibsons) – Rod wants us to work together. The Creek runs through both Elphinstone and Gibsons. He wants to stress to SCRD collaboration is key.
- Rod – result of OBENA letter – Michelle was happy to work with us. She'd like SCRD to be encouraged to put the item back into the budget.
- Rod thinks perhaps three separate letters rather than just one.
- René – Chaster Creek tributary and problems with drainage – Rod reported that ToG and Michelle take the tributary and drainage very seriously. They are doing a lot of work. We are trying to get SCRD to step up to the plate and work with them.

Lot Y - Ben

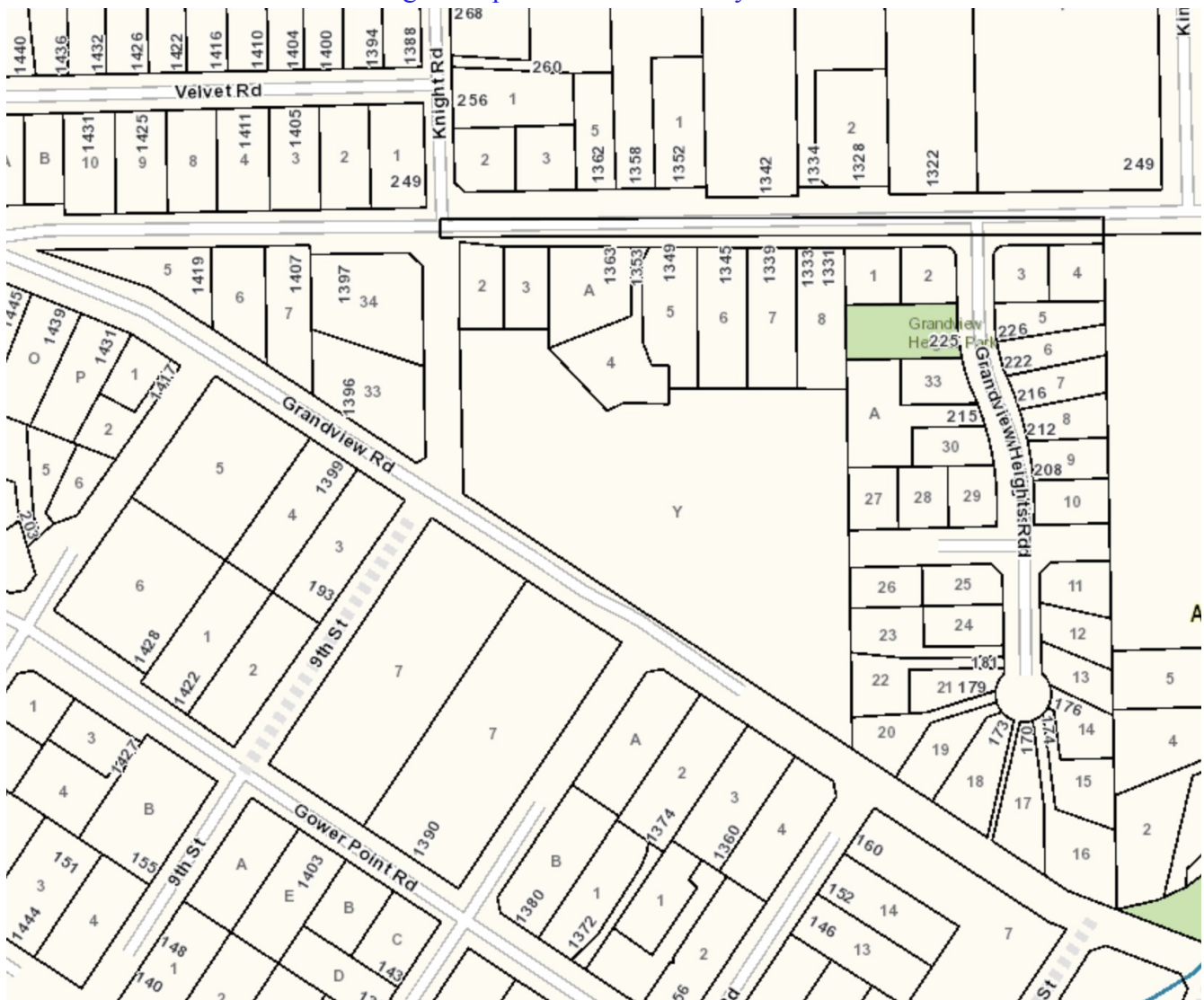


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Lot Y – Ben

- Above 9th Street – erosion problems following the land clearing.
- Ditch now over 5ft deep.
- One culvert incorporates 5 streets and all the water comes to Ben’s property.
- Big washout on GPR – flowed all night during the last big rain.
- Grandview road – old natural spring, still flowing.
- Ben says the whole design needs to be studied and reconstructed.
- They don’t know what to do next.
- Rod – keep an eye on it for the time being.
- Developer has a questionnaire out – in the Coast Reporter.



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- Anne – need community organizing, mobilize the neighbourhood. The water is running down below them. Not everyone is receiving the information so they are not prepared. She's going to talk to neighbours.
- Rod – if development is larger than 10 lots it must come to the APC.
- René made a plug for membership – numbers will make a difference when neighbours come together on issues such as this.
- Janet concerned about due process by the developer.