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AGM April 19, 2023 – 7 PM Frank West Hall Minutes

Executive	Rod Moorcroft – President	Clint Budd – Vice President, Co-Secretary
	Trish Wray – Treasurer	Lucie McKiernan – Co-Secretary
	René Mandigo – Membership	Tamara Hedden – PAC rep, Director
	Ben Foster - Director	
Regrets	Brian Thicke - Director	
	Janet Oxley - Director	
Members	Estimated at general meeting	21 including board and speakers

1. Call to Order	The President called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.	Action by
2. Agenda	Motion: To adopt the agenda with no additions Trish/Lucie - carried	
3. Guest Speakers	Tess Huntly and Jackie Scott from Sunshine Coast Hospice Society outlined the Society’s services with a focus on the Green Sleeve project. See below for further information.	
4. Director’s report	Donna McMahon Director for Area E SCRD See below for Donna’s update notes and slide show.	Donna
5. Adoption of previous minutes	Motion: To adopt the minutes for 2022 AGM held on April 20, 2022 - Clint/Trish – carried.	
6. Correspondence	None.	
7. Reports		



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1. President	No report.	Rod
2. Vice Pres.	<p>Clint reported that a notice was received from the province regarding changes to the societies act. As there are more changes to come this will be reported on later.</p> <p>According to By-laws Part 2 Item 2.2 part 2 Clint proposed the following:</p> <p>Motion: that the amount of annual membership dues will be \$10 per member – Clint/Hermann carried.</p>	Clint



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3. Treasurer	<p>Trish provided the following:</p> <p>Statement of Accounts at Sunshine Coast Credit Union March 31, 2023:</p> <p>*Chequing: 2,283.70, Gnome: 00, Plan 24:1,014.96</p> <p>Income</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Member Dues</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,090.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Expenses</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Administration</td> <td style="text-align: right;">40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zoom/rent</td> <td style="text-align: right;">287.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social</td> <td style="text-align: right;">81.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">467.34</td> </tr> </table> <p>* included in this amount is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SCRD Knotweed grant \$296.00 remaining * SCRD Shoreline restoration Grant remaining \$305.28 <p>Assets: An auger at Clint's \$86.20</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Patricia Wray</p> <p>Motion: to accept the statement of accounts as presented</p> <p>Trish/Tamara carried</p> <p>Elphinstone Community Association Proposed Budget for 2023/2024</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">800.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenses</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zoom</td> <td style="text-align: right;">300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administration</td> <td style="text-align: right;">40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Socials</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>400.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">940.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>We have not spent money in the past two years on social events: therefore increased the budget.</p>	Member Dues	\$1,090.00	Administration	40.00	Bank Charges	9.00	Donations	50.00	Zoom/rent	287.00	Social	81.34	Total	467.34	Income	800.00	Expenses		Zoom	300.00	Donations	150.00	Insurance	50.00	Administration	40.00	Socials	<u>400.00</u>	Total	940.00	Trish
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4. Secretary	Lucie reported that Frank West Hall is booked for May 24, June 21, Sept 20, Oct 18 and Nov 15 for in person meetings provided no health advisories to the contrary.	Lucie
5. Membership	René reported that we have 110 individuals on our list with 100 of these paid-up members. The President thanked René for her hard work in encouraging membership renewals.	René
6. PAC	<p>Cedar Grove PAC report from Tamara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a BCCPAC conference on May 5,6 & 7th in Richmond at the Westin Bayshore that myself & two other PAC presidents from SD46 Schools are attending. • Grade 7 teacher Mr. Tultz is putting on a school play on Thurs April 27th. There is a possibility of two shows and tickets will be available for head count. In school volunteers are needed. This will be funded by PAC. • Cedar Grove's first clothing swap was this week, Tuesday April 18th & Wednesday April 19th. Left over clothing will go to Coast Kids Reshop. • Kinderspark registration is open at SD46. • Crazy hair day is May 1st. • Our Growing Smiles fundraiser will be delivered right before Mothers Day on May 12th at our school's basketball court! • Parent volunteer appreciation tea is May 25th. • June is Pride month and I've volunteered to be on the standing committee, our events are TBA. • June 8th is CGES talent show!! I can't wait. • June 21st is Indigenous day. • June 23rd CGES Sports Day. • June 29th CGES Leaving ceremony. <p>Finally, I'm planning on throwing a BIG family year end event With a live band, games, dancing, PAC-volunteered hot dog</p>	Tamara



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7. APC	Rod reported that development on Lot Y is very concerning with regard to water runoff. He has heard complaints that the SCRCD is not responding and noted that Donna is doing her best.	Rod
Comm Reports		
Chaster House / Park Standing Comm.	See Committee Reports below.	Brian
Website Standing Comm.	<p>For the new website only membership and president have your contact information and no personal email or phone numbers will be publicized except generic ones like president@xxx. If information comes to us we will redact emails and phone numbers unless the individual says use this contact information for them.</p> <p>David reported that today he got access to the control panel and is currently creating generalized emails that will then forward to the appropriate person. Agendas and minutes will be posted on the website and you can access via a link.</p> <p>David asked that the point person for each committee send him an introductory paragraph describing the role of the committee so he can post on the website.</p>	David
Socials Standing Comm.	Clint stated that ECA will hold 3 social events per year. The next one will be in June so stay tuned. Clint and Tamara can always use more help if anyone is interested in helping organize socials.	Clint
Trails Standing Comm.	See Committee Reports below.	Brian/Rod
Area E Roads Standing Comm.	René noted this is a standing committee of four – Tamara, Janet, Chris Basil, and René. If you see any concerns of safety or anything else with regard to local roads, please get in touch with the committee members.	René



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Forestry Standing Comm.	See Committee Reports below.	Angela/ Hermann
Vision/Mission Ad hoc Committee	The President once again asked those present to review the Vision/Mission statement that has been circulated for the past three months with the view to its adoption. Motion to accept Vision and Mission Statement as presented Lucie/Angela - carried	Janet/Brian
8. Old Business	No discussion.	



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9. New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guest speakers – see Next Meeting below. 2. Please note the change of date for the May general meeting. 3. Hall booking update – see Secretary’s report above. 4. Vel Anderson has Area E files / information going back many years. She is looking for a new home for these records. If you are interested in this info see Rod or Vel. 5. With any luck all our agenda, minutes, reports and other Area E news will be reported on our Website. A big thanks to David. 6. Election of ECA Board for 2023/24 Everyone on the current board agreed to stand again for another year. We are pleased by the addition of David Weintraub our website technical specialist. Those standing are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rod Moorcroft Clint Budd Trish Wray René Mandigo Tamara Hedden Lucie McKiernan Ben Foster Brian Thicke Janet Oxley David Weintraub <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Motion: To adopt the new board for 2023/24 as presented Trish/Hermann carried</p> 7. Ben very kindly provided a door prize which was won by Lucie (who never wins anything) – thank you Ben! 	<p>Lucie</p> <p>Lucie</p> <p>Lucie</p> <p>Rod</p> <p>Rod</p> <p>Rod</p> <p>Ben</p>
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10. Next meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board May 10th on Zoom. 2. General May 24th Frank West Hall 7pm (note change of date) – speaker is Ashley St. Clair Donna’s Alternate to outline some of her environmental work with the City of Vancouver. 3. Board June 14th on Zoom. 4. General June 21st Frank West Hall – guest speaker will be Donna reviewing property taxes. Please bring your tax assessment. <p>No meetings July and August except the Summer Social TBA</p>	
11. Adjournment	The President adjourned the meeting at 9:07pm	

Guest Speakers – Tess Huntly and Jackie Scott Sunshine Coast Hospice Society

Tess introduced the session:

- Typically, when we think of hospice, we usually think of end of life care; however, Hospice offers a broad range of services in addition to the two hospice rooms supplied by VCH. Grief support is a large part of their work. They look to find gaps in community and step in – e.g., in the last 2 years programs have expanded to include drug poisoning, child abuse and supporting grief as an outcome of not being able to support family during the pandemic. They provide services not provided by anyone else – e.g., referrals from doctors for emotional/mental health supports.
- They have 60 volunteers plus staff and board and deliver services in Davis Bay, Gibsons, libraries and community centres. You can find their website at [Sunshine Coast Hospice](#).

Jackie’s Presentation:

If you would like a copy of the slides from Jackie’s presentation on Advance Care Planning and the Sunshine Coast Green Sleeve please email Lucie at elphinstonecommunity19@gmail.com. I have a copy and will forward it to you. For further information and to acquire a Green Sleeve package contact Hospice at 604-740-0475.

SCRD Director Report – Donna McMahon

Here are Donna’s notes

AVICC Conference in Nanaimo – April 13-16

- I organized program at EA Directors Lunch - did a PowerPoint on our electoral areas, divided people into discussion groups (MOTI, Watershed protection, advocacy with province, APCs, re-structure).



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- Attended the pre-conference Legislative Reform Session, very well attended and interesting - will be following up.
- Also facilitated panel on local govt role in emergency planning and response - new legislation coming from province imminently.
- I helped with one of the resolutions sessions, which is interesting. The SCR D submitted one resolution on legislative reform, which was endorsed. Sechelt submitted 4. I spoke to deferral of Parcel Taxes and Utility bills (which was endorsed). Another was for prioritizing water licensing approvals (also passed).\
- Nanaimo has a severe homeless problem in the downtown core. I talked to Mayor Krog about their challenges - also attended a session on libraries and they got into the problems of being a free public space.
- Was acclaimed for another one year term as EA representative.

Meetings with BC Timber Sales

- Went to three - more later.

Policing meeting March 27

The division is made up of:

- 1 Staff Sergeant (Jennifer Prunty).
- 2 Sergeants (Operations, and Operations Support).
- 5 Corporals + 1 GIS Corporal (General Investigative Services).
- 5 Watches of 6 Constables each and 3 people under GIS.
- Constable Chris Major is tasked with mental health outreach.

This Community Policing program is fully up and running. They are basing it on other successful programs, e.g., Maple Ridge. Activities include:

- Fraud awareness (working with elders).
- ICBC Speed Watch.
- Volunteer engagement.
- Meeting with businesses in Gibsons, Sechelt and Madeira Park (they are looking into whether the community policing station in Madeira Park might be re-opened).
- Homeless issues.
- Youth - working with the school liaison officer and planning youth camps - it was noted that at-risk youth need more structured activities.
- Public outreach - coming out to events such as May Day and Canada Day.

Statistics were provided. Two notable trends were an increase in shoplifting (partly a result of retail reopening post Covid) and an increase in impaired driving. The impaired driving trend is province wide. Also, property crime is up. Staff Sergeant Jen noted that overall crime is DOWN and the perception of threats to public safety are overblown, especially on social media.

Housing Action Table / Affordable Housing Society



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- Statistics coming forward on rentals on the Sunshine Coast - purpose built (apartments) versus private residences, e.g., basement suites - it's roughly 2/3s. - of 3,000 rental households, 2/3s of them are private, many in rural areas.
- Housing crunch is really hurting employers - Christenson Village challenges and the hospital is packed with agency nurses - this is not just expensive but it impacts the level of care, because these people don't know our community.

Metro Vancouver Indigenous Relations Committee

Attended Tlaamin Lunch and Learn - guest was Maynard Harry, aka Qwastånayá, his website is IndigenousInsight.ca - liked his shoot from the hip style, so reached out and signed up for a by-invitation workshop he gives.

APC Meetings

APCs had first meetings with interesting results. Many concerns over role of APC and what is and isn't being referred.

Emergency Evacuation Route

Attended a session for the Town's Bay Area/Bluff – disappointing - did we need experts to tell us there's only 3 roads out of Dodge?

Fire Commission meeting April 18

Got off topic into a very interesting discussion about planning for future emergency services - GDVFD is on the brink of needing to expand - how and when? - also had a big sticker shock - the new pumper truck was budgeted at \$585,000, one compliant bid at almost \$1.4 million.

Q – can they not repair these trucks? A – we are forced by law after a certain age to replace.

Climate Caucus on new National Net Zero Building Code, due in 2025

Does anyone know who writes that building code? 400 volunteers - sounds like Wikipedia.

SCRD New Website

Launched today...

Upcoming

April 20 - EAS meeting, Hospital District, Finance, Special Board.

April 21 Howe Sound Forum all day at GPM.

Ditch clean up - another big thanks to Lee Carter - if you just got warmed up and want to do some more, there's one at Persephone on Saturday (Earth Day) afternoon - if you pick up enough garbage, they'll give you a free drink. It's also Earth Day at Roberts Creek Pier.

April 24 Joint SCR/Islands Trust meeting.

May 1 will be Budget Debrief meeting.



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BC Timber Sales/DL 1313

Group of volunteers, headed by Hermann Ziltner, been working on a response to the draft Elphinstone hydrology report prepared for BCTS. While our concerns generally align with those of Area D, I don't think we should try to speak to both. Their cut block has been deferred for a year, while the fate of DL1313 is still unknown. And our primary concern is with the Chaster Creek watershed, where we have acute and worsening stormwater problems that potentially affect many homes and much infrastructure in our community.

Q and A

Hermann – need pressure on BC govt for a watershed management plan and moratorium on logging. He asked Donna to give us advice about how to do this. Donna has a plan to reach out to Nicholas Simons. We need a strategy going forward and be on board with Gibsons and Sechelt and the province. Hermann asked should we start with the SCR D? Donna will think about this – agrees we need a watershed management plan but we need funding for this and SCR D needs capacity to take it on. The shishalh Nation also have this on top of their agenda.

Demir – will there be more water this summer and what percent more? Donna – if we get water from Gibsons and the Church Road well this gives us about a month more.

Q – have we looked at ferry announcements re water shortage, or posting something in the parking lot? Donna - announcements have been done on the ferry – not very reliable, depends on who is crew.

Q - coyotes becoming a menace for chickens or domestic pets. Has there been discussion about a cull? Donna has not heard of this and suggests calling conservation officers for advice/help. Also, there are workshops available for how to protect your property from bears and other wildlife. Demir noted that coyotes also do positive things such as killing vermin and wondered if there are any other examples of areas in BC that have culled coyotes.

Committee Reports

Chaster House/Park Standing Committee

Brian reported the following:

Chaster House and Park sit only a meter or so above the extreme high tide in the Salish Sea. Similarly, Chaster House backs on to Chaster Creek which flooded up to the house walls during the 2021 atmospheric river. The creek estuary is eroding into Chaster Park. SCR D Parks and Rec Department has suggested that a major climate resiliency project is needed for the area. This new committee has not met yet. If you would like to be involved with the future of Chaster House and Chaster Park please contact Brian Thicke.

Trails Standing Committee

Brian reported the following:



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Two priority trails are proposed for this year. The highest priority is to build a trail through from the north end of Hough Rd (north of Fitchett) to Highway 101. This would provide low volume road walking/cycling connecting areas west and south of Hough Rd including Cedar Grove Elementary school area with the commercial areas of upper Gibsons. An old trail exists along the Hough Rd ROW's. Unfortunately, 1 lot blocked the road ROW from connecting through. Recently, the owner of that lot applied for a subdivision and was told that a connecting road ROW needed to be given. Once the subdivision is approved with the new ROW the old trail needs to be rebuilt.

The second priority is to build a trail through the S-Turn ravine between Grandview east of Swallow Rd and Grandview west of Clark. This would connect all areas west of Swallow and South of Grandview with lower Gibsons on low volume roads albeit with a steep climb up Swallow from the beach. The trail alignment has been flagged and a faint trail can be discerned through the ravine from the Swallow Rd end. Further trail work is planned.

We need the help and participation of anybody that can shovel, chain saw or wheel barrow for both these projects. If you know of anyone with rustic trail bridge building expertise that would also be helpful.

Rod reported the following:

Hough Road is still not through. The subdivision is now applying for a variance to move areas so it will be feasible for the trail to go through to the highway.

Forestry Standing Committee

This is a newly created committee to work on forestry issues currently comprising Hermann Ziltener, Angela Kronig, Colleen Clarke and Jonathan with assistance greatly appreciated from Suzanne Senger, SCCA.

Hermann noted that the report from BCTS is under scrutiny. It is clear they want to cut 20% - this is reduced from the planned 30% but not acceptable to us. This group is working on a letter to BCTS. It will then be up to us to convince SCRD to create a long-term watershed plan.

Regarding Lot 1313 – currently this ball is with SCRD. They must start the process of removing it from BCTS.

And Brian provided the following:

It looks like Reed Rd Forest will not be logged although that issue is not completely concluded yet. Now BCTS is proposing to log again in upper Chaster Creek watershed. This subcommittee is working with other groups to make sure that local values other than logging and risks that are amplified by logging are brought to the attention of BCTS and our local politicians. The group is currently very active because BCTS has produced a watershed assessment that suggests the risks from logging upper



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Chaster watershed to the Elphinstone/Gibsons aquifer, to property owners in urbanized areas and to salmon runs is minimal. BCTS wants to carry on business as usual.