



Elphinstone Community Association

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General Meeting **February 19, 2025 – 7 PM** **Frank West Hall / Zoom**

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| Executive | Rod Moorcroft – President | Vacant – Vice President |
| | Trish Wray – Treasure | Lucie McKiernan – Secretary |
| | Jonathan Weintraub – Membership | Tamara Hedden – PAC |
| | Brian Thicke – Director | Janet Oxley – Director |
| | Ben Foster – Director | David Weintraub – Webmaster |
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| Absent | | |
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| Members | Estimated at general meeting | xx |

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| 1. Call to Order | Call to order at 7:xx | Action by |
| 2. Agenda | Adopt | |
| 3. Director's report | 1. General only | Donna |
| 4. Guest Speaker | Christina Wilson from Blue Act Marine. | |
| | Social break – general only | |
| 5. Adoption of previous minutes | 1. November 20, 2024 - see them on our website. | |
| 6. Correspondence | 1. Under New Business | |
| 7. Reports | | |
| 1. President | 1. | Rod |
| 2. Vice Pres. | 1. | |
| 3. Treasurer | 1. As at January 31, 2025 Chequing \$1166.37, Savings \$1028.08 | Trish |



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| 4. Secretary | 1. | Lucie |
| 5. Membership | 1. | Jonathan |
| 6. PAC | 1. General | Tamara |
| 7. APC | 1. General | Anthony |
| 8. Members at Large | | |
| Comm Reports | | |
| Chaster House / Park Standing Comm. | 1. Update | Brian |
| Website Standing Comm. | 1. | David |
| Socials Standing Comm. | 1. Thank you Clint for a fun Social evening. | Clint |
| Trails Standing Comm. | 1. Clark Trail update | Brian |
| Area E Roads Standing Comm. | 1. Poplars/Woodcreek Pedestrian crossing letter 2. Thank you letter re Gower S curve to MoTT for approval. | David Board |
| Neighbourhood Associations | 1. | |
| 8. Old Business | 1. Projector update | Brian |
| 9. New Business | 1. BCTS update 2. Faye Kiewitz / Coast Reporter update 3. Guest speaker idea Conservation Officer – Gordon Bishop. 4. Emergency Preparedness or PODs? Gordon and David to determined if this the same topic. 5. Snow removal – see request below. Brian will follow up with Donna. 6. West Gibsons Ratepayers – info from Donna for the museum. 7. Zoom account paying Clint. Just here as a reminder. | Brian Faye Rod David/Gord Brian Rod Board |
| 10. Next meeting | 1. February 19 General Meeting 7 PM Frank West Hall – Speaker | |



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| | <p>Christina Wilson Blue Act Marine.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. March 12 Board Meeting 7 PM Zoom 3. March 19, General Meeting 7 PM Frank West Hall – Speaker(s) from BCTS re logging. 4. April 9 Board Meeting 7 PM Zoom 5. April 16 General Meeting 7 PM Frank West Hall – speaker TBA – possibly Quality Garden 6. May 14 Board Meeting 7 PM Zoom 7. May 21 AGM 7 PM Frank West Hall – speaker TBA 8. June 11 Board Meeting 7 PM Zoom 9. June 17 General Meeting 7 PM Frank West Hall – speaker TBA | |
| 11. Adjournment | 1. | |

Committee Reports

1. Chaster House has some access improvements approved by SCRD Board 2025 budget as follows:

As per Board Resolution #177/24, this budget proposal is for upgrades to the alternate access to Chaster Park (eastern side of the park) and includes: upgrades to the gravel pathway to better improve safety and durability (e.g. grading, lighting), improvements to accommodate loading and unloading of supplies for booked events, parking improvements to the existing spaces along Ocean Beach Esplanade Road and improved signage.

The proposal also includes decommissioning and removal of Chaster pedestrian bridge, concrete abutments and other associated infrastructure, as well as revegetation of impacted areas with native species to restore riparian habitat along Chaster Creek.

Do we want to volunteer to help out with revegetation? We could also ask to make community garden boxes or ground level plots for nearby gardening enthusiasts as I know there is old stone free soil in the area where the access is going to be located. How much do we want to be involved? Should we apply for funding from the Vancouver Foundation (if that fits)?

2. BCTS update:

We need to prepare for BCTS presentation on March 19 regarding how to advertise the presentation, what we want presented, question format and safety of the speaker/meeting control. Also there is an invite available to examine the logging block which I would like to advertise at the Feb GM. Further, I'm hoping we will receive a written BCTS response to our letter soon. We should distribute that for comments when we get it as I'm supposed to provide more feedback to BCTS before March 19.



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3. Clark Trail or Chaster connector trail:

This is the one that goes from Sunnyside near Clark to Chaster Rd near Cedar Grove school. SCRD has asked me what ECA might be able to provide to help with this maintenance as follows:

Is there an interest from volunteers to assist with aspects of the project?

- What is the capacity for volunteers to assist with the project? How many volunteers would be available? Are weekdays possible or are volunteers only available on weekends? Do volunteers have preferred times of day?
- Would volunteers be available to assist with the following activities (activities are contingent on final design plans and will be confirmed prior to the start of the project): removing current infrastructure, brushing (FireSmart treatments), spreading aggregate, installation of boardwalk, securing donations of materials (possibly aggregate, culverts, etc.), clean-up activities post-work.
- If there is interest, please provide the names and email addresses for those interested and what tasks they are interested in.

How should I answer? Rod has approached the credit union for funding. Do we want to apply? Another source might be the Sunshine Coast foundation but they only give funds to CRA charities. Does anyone know a charity to partner with?

4. Projector purchase and testing is complete.

Correspondence from Donna:

hi, Rod,

I was going through my files and found the original incorporation documents for the West Gibsons Heights Ratepayers Association (attached). They were so cool, that I shared with the museum and asked Matt if they had any interest. He says yes. So, over to you. If the ECA is happy to donate this PDF to the museum, you would fill out a donation form. (I asked Clint if anyone has the original documents and he says no, but he could be wrong...)

Looking at the signatures on the form was a bit of a jolt. I don't think of 1970 as being that long ago, but looking at the typewritten document and the signatures of "Housewife", it seems like a distant era.

Cheers,
Donna



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Correspondence from Gord Bishop:

Gord Bishop request – Letter to MoTT

MOTI and Capilano Maintenance are failing to maintain Safe passage on Snow/Ice free hills on Gower Pt. Road and Bonniebrook area in 2025. An extended Bus route that includes these roads and areas will have No more SCRD and BC TRANSIT excuses not to expand, as the S-Bend has been recently rebuilt only leaving Harry road from Grandview down to Ocean beach esplanade in Dire need of rebuild.

The SD 46 School bus has been on this same route for 4 decades carrying school children safely to and from schools.

Moti would have No Excuse not to attend to snow removal on Public Bus route as we have witnessed. Recently all students have been offered Free bus pass, is it not Common Sense that Safe and Accessible bus routes and Stops be prioritized in order to accomplish goal of bus use for the students?

Please come up with a real plan to make a positive change in Elphinstone! Please raise this at next Elphinstone and SCRD meetings during Budget and Transportation planning.

Thanks ...Gordon and Leslie Bishop. 45 years on Mabel rd.

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Would Elphinstone like to engage with Solar group to host a gathering at Frank west hall to engage with our members about emergency preparedness and learn about roles of groups whom are active.

There is a Neighbourhood grant of \$500 to go towards the costs of such an event. Call me to chat ...778-233-8250.

Thanks Gordon