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General Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2025 – 7 PM

Frank West Hall

Executive	Rod Moorcroft – President	Brian Thicke – First Vice President
	David Weintraub – Webmaster & Second VP	Lucie McKiernan - Secretary
	Jonathan Weintraub - Membership	Trish Wray - Treasurer
Absent	Michael Maser – Director TBC	Tamara Hedden – PAC & Roads
Members	Estimated at general meeting	20

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.	Action by Chair
2. Agenda	The agenda was adopted – Lucie/Trish carried.	
3. Director's report	<p>Donna gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline for Hwy crossings – see Donna's newsletter. • Transit survey's most used links were OCP and the list of roadside veg stands. • Liquor and cannabis control branch – have a new application from the Meadery at Leek Rd. Too many left-hand turns. MoTI a while ago suggested a passing lane but they are changing the speed limit so that doesn't make sense. She's not sure how she'll vote. • Lot D public information meeting not scheduled yet. • Donna attended a forest industry presentation – they are pushing for more allowable cuts – without mentioning forest fires and replanting not growing as expected. • Small fire in Halfmoon Bay is now controlled. The Squamish fire is contained. Donna urges us all to be vigilant. • Outlook for SCRD down for two days – they are tied into the cloud and so they lost phone systems as well, Microsoft teams was not working. Much work ground to halt for two days. • Zoom call with electeds across country – everyone frustrated. Provincial govts are changing things without providing 	Donna

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financial supports – local govts feel stymied. BC focussed on housing without providing any additional support. Also, they are taxing a daycare.

- BC asking for feedback on environment.
- Transit Questionnaires are still as is the health region survey and Sechelt Nation is planning another good one (see below for details). Please participate.
- Chaster well – working on it. Local govt infrastructure projects – starting budget was for \$329,000, problems cropped up so it increased to \$441,000, more problems \$539,000 up again, couldn't find a company to bid on it. Now budget is \$701,000 – it just grew and grew This applies to local govt across province.
- She will be discussing Fire Commission – with John Henderson and Alton Toth – trying to stay positive. Henderson is blaming fire expenses on areas D and E.
- Meeting with Michelle from Gibsons re her work.
- Lifeguard shortages continue.
- Update on cemetery expansion plan. Draft master plan to put in some more inground burial plots and other for urns. Not taking any more land – using current land allocation.
- Payne and Henry doing roadwork she's hoped for some widening but there are too many creek crossings and installing culverts it expensive.
- Sports field strategy engagement – looking at priorities and a shared vision for use, much needed.
- Electoral Area services and policy review coming up.
- MOTT meeting on Friday – regular meeting. She will mention condition of Gower Point Rd.
- Interest in candidacy for next local election? Labour Council is hosting a training session.

Trish reported that there was a beach fire at end of OBE, the fire dept attended and took care of it.

Jonathon – attended Halfmoon Bay Community forum. Green bylaws.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal to protect coastal Douglas Fir Forest. • Regional growth strategy – predecessor to OCP, language want to protect but won't touch it on crown land. • They are asking for protection of these forests – these are on BCTF cutblocks – does SCRD have the ability – Donna says no they don't have the tools. • HBCF is a group of citizens wanting a green bylaw established. The sewer in Pender Harbour needs repair – who will do it? – no answer given. Question is – he doesn't know whether to work with them because he sees them frustrating to SCRD rather than helping to enact change. Are they chasing a pipe dream and is it worth his time? Donna indicates they have good intentions but she's sceptical. <p>Question: Could forests be turned into RV parks? Answer: Donna indicates it's not that easy. RV parks going up all over and they were never intended to be permanent residences. They are not protected like folks are in mobile home parks. Unfortunately, sometimes people have no other options.</p> <p>Crosswalks – Poplars is just a crosswalk. Oceanview Drive will be a pedestrian operated stop light.</p>	
4. Guest Speaker	One Straw was not available – just too busy. Will revisit later.	
	Social break – general only	
5. Adoption of previous minutes	The minutes of the general meeting for April 16, 2025 were accepted: Trish/Lucie - carried	
6. Correspondence	None	
7. Reports		
1. President	Nothing	Rod
2. Vice Pres.	Nothing	
3. Treasurer	Treasurer's Report End May – \$1,189.37 chequing, \$1,091.43 savings, \$84.12 share account – this last is the shares purchased as a CU member when we joined.	Trish



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	<p>The Treasurer's report was accepted: Trish/Jonathan – carried.</p> <p>CU is holding a vote of members for an amalgamation with two other CU's on the mainland. No change for members here and it's still a CU.</p> <p>With regard to the proposed CU amalgamation, there is a meeting for members on July 8 at 3pm or you can vote online. All members are eligible to vote. Trish will vote for ECA.</p> <p>Confirmation of Signing Officers</p> <p>Brian and Jonathon need to go into the CU for ID confirmation and to be added.</p> <p>Current Signing Officers are – Rod, Trish, Brian, Jonathan, Lucie Clint and Rene will be removed.</p>	
4. Secretary	Nothing	Lucie
5. Membership	Jonathon reports 51 paid members. The list has 123 names. Another call for membership renewal will go out.	Jonathan
6. PAC	Report will come later.	Tamara
7. APC	Nothing	Anthony
8. Directors at Large	Michael Maser has come forward to join the board. Please see below notes on post-meeting board discussion.	
Comm Reports		
Chaster House / Park Standing Comm.	Nothing new	Brian
Website Standing Comm.	Nothing new	David
Socials Standing Comm.	Our summer social is set for 4 – 7 PM July 20 at Frank West Hall. Chaster House is booked for the summer. Potluck - bring your own plates, cutlery, food. ECA will provide coffee and tea.	Clint
Trails Standing Comm.	Nothing new Hough Road – top end, nothing is happening. Waiting for the subdivide to happen. Donna said she'd look into it.	Brian
Area E Roads Standing Comm.	Nothing	Tamara



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Neighbourhood Associations	Nothing	
8. Old Business	The SCR D board voted to support our request to wrote to MLA Randene Neill - no logging in our watershed. Donna did a great presentation at the meeting and it was unanimous that they will support us.	
9. New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tow truck issues operating in a residential area is being worked on. More later. 2. Angela has received a grant-in-aid to map Whitaker Creek. 3. See the reminder message from XRCCA (Xwesam Roberts Creek Community Association) below. Will get this out asap and put on website. Area F and Howe Sound CA – are fully in support. We will give a plug to other Associations when they request. 4. Rod is on Halfmoon Bay Community Association's email list – anyone else interested in seeing their information and activities? <p>Jonathan wants to create a working committee to discuss resiliency – Bet Cecil was mentioned to talk emergency prep and disaster planning and it was noted that the SCR D has someone too and that Sandra Cunningham would be a good contact. Maybe take a poll – how many would be willing to serve? Put together a document, what are the issues, action etc.</p> <p>If there's a group interested - that's what he's looking for to get a start.</p> <p>Starting group is Anna, Jonathan, and Demir</p> <p>Although a motion was proposed it was deemed unnecessary.</p> <p>Rod requested a short board meeting after the meeting – please see below the notes from that.</p>	
10. Next meetings	<p>No regular meetings in July and August.</p> <p>Sunday July 20 – Summer Social at Frank West from 4-7pm – Rod will include an invitation for this when the minutes are sent out.</p> <p>Wednesday September 10 – Board Meeting via zoom 7:00pm.</p> <p>Wednesday September 17 – General Meeting Frank West Hall</p>	



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	7:00pm speaker TBA.	
11. Adjournment	Trish proposed adjournment at 8.28pm.	

Board Meeting following the general:

Hough Road Issue

Much discussion – Action - talk to Raquel again and get more information. Offer to support her bylaw complaint. What does she think we can help with? Fact finding – Brian to talk to the bylaw officer and see what he can tell us about action.

Michael's election to the board

He hasn't been formally appointed yet. It was agreed that we will wait until the September board meeting and appoint him at that time.

This was forwarded to ECA from Xwesam Roberts Creek Association FYI

Good morning,

REMINDER: final days of shíshálh-BC Land Use Public Engagement

We would like to remind you that our engagement period, open from 9:00am

April 22nd to 5:00pm June 23rd 2025, will be coming to a close shortly.

If you haven't already, we encourage you to fill out the online Questionnaire (click [here](#)) and send us any other comments you might have via our comment webform at the bottom of our Project Website. As a reminder, to prepare for the questionnaire, you can access our Current Condition Assessments, review and interact with them on our 2025 Engagement Website [here](#).

If you have already filled out the questionnaire, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please spread the word and encourage others to participate.

We thank you greatly for your participation in this round of public engagement; for attending events, open houses and engaging online, this valuable feedback will help shape the next phases of the planning process.

Sincerely,

The shíshálh-B.C. Land Use Planning Table