

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
TRAIL NETWORK TASK FORCE
GAMBIER ISLAND SOUTH WEST PENINSULA

May 20, 2017

MINUTES FROM THE TRAIL NETWORK TASK FORCE GAMBIER ISLAND SOUTH WEST PENINSULA MEETING HELD AT GAMBIER ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE, ANDY'S ROAD, NEW BRIGHTON, BC

PRESENT:	Members	Boris Gorgitza Emily Pickett Kevin Grodesky Nataha Tousaw Todd Gordon
ALSO PRESENT:	Parks Planning Coordinator Recorder Gambier Island Local Trustee Public	Sam Adams Diane Corbett Kate-Louise Stamford 1
REGRETS:	Member	Carol Barlow

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and acknowledged the meeting was being held in the traditional territory of Coastal Salish First Nations.

2. AGENDA

Adopted as circulated.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

A roundtable of introductions was conducted. Staff conveyed introductory comments on behalf of member Carol Barlow.

Members declared possible conflict of interest as follows:

- Todd, Natasha and Kevin noted that a Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure road allowance was located by their respective properties.
- Boris mentioned he is a director of Gambier Island Conservancy, who are promoters of trails, although did not consider it a conflict of interest.

Staff thanked members for coming forward and taking the time to do this work.

4. REVIEW OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Staff gave an overview of background information that included:

- Staff report dated October 13, 2016 regarding “Gambier Island – South West Peninsula – Trail Public Consultation Report”;
- Staff report dated November 10, 2016 regarding “Gambier Island – South West Peninsula – Community Trail Development”;
- Community Charter Part 4, Divisions 1 through 7 (Public Participation and Council Accountability), including conflict of interest provisions
- Terms of Reference, Trail Network Task Force Gambier Island South West Peninsula, with attachments (SCRD Procedural Bylaw No. 474; *Community Charter*, Chapter 26, Part 4, Divisions 1-7)

The Gambier Island SW Peninsula trails public survey in 2016 revealed public concerns that included:

- Privacy / security;
- Water quality;
- Fire hazards;
- Trail maintenance;
- Limited amenities and facilities

Points from presentation:

- Gambier OCP is being reviewed presently.
- SCR D has hired a maintenance contractor for Gambier trails (Todd).
- There has to be a vision for the use and maintenance of the trails.
- There are different trail types. Most of the trails on the SW peninsula are on MoTI rights of way.
- Members inquired about SCR D Parks department.
- Staff’s goal: do a public meeting in August, following three or four task force meetings, followed by one task force meeting afterwards.

5. DEVELOP MEETING SCHEDULE

Trails Network Task Force meeting dates were set for the following Saturdays:

- June 17
- July 1
- July 22
- August 12 (tentative date for community meeting)

6. BRAINSTORM EXERCISE

Staff asked members to think about what would be a desirable outcome at the end of this project into the future, and to envision what things might look like with a trail system that meets the needs of the community. Members scribed ideas that were then read aloud and discussed:

- Trails development on the island: useful to islanders, and makes everyone happy.
- Connections between as many trails as possible.
- Working out our community trail development puzzle can of worms.
- End with a clear transparent process for any future trail development on the peninsula.
- As little as possible disruption to the natural environment.
- Process that respects development of trails per community balancing (fire, trails,

- other interests).
- Maximize respect to property owners' privacy.
 - Be as transparent in the planning process as possible.
 - Sway trails naysayers opinions to more positive feelings towards trails.
 - That I learn something about others and myself.
 - Resolutions respectful; some development leading to trail opportunities.
 - Relief.
 - More people on Gambier to be interested and be able to spend some time in the woods.
 - A place visitors can visit to learn about the infrastructure or lack thereof.
 - More boardwalks to protect water.
 - Signage: tasteful, that indicates proximity to watersheds.
 - This Task Force sets up positive guidelines for future trails discussion and development.
 - Trails that are useful to people that everyone agrees upon, that are well marked and maintained.
 - General acceptance and lack of rancor about the outcomes, whatever the outcomes.
 - Well-specified concrete process for future trail planning.
 - People who want trails get trails; people who want privacy get privacy.
 - People are satisfied with the process.

Staff will put these ideas on a chart for reflection during the process as the task force moves forward.

7. TRAILS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Staff distributed a binder to each member; in addition to documents listed in item 4, the binder included:

- Gambier Official Community Plan Bylaw No 73, 2001;
- Gambier Island Land Use Bylaw No. 86, 2004.

Homework: Members will review the binder materials and focus their considerations on "fire" and "water". The OCP can be researched on-line. Look at the environmental check sheet; is there anything missing?

8. NEXT MEETING

Saturday, June 17 at Gambier Island Community Centre, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT 11:45 a.m.