

**Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society Board Meeting**  
**August 9th, 2017 - 9:30 at the Faye Memorial Site at the Beachfront**

Present: David James (Chair), Louella Hollington, Don Lyster, Gord Almond, John Phillips, Peter Drummond, Mike Shannon, Neil Worboys, Pat Jacobson

Guest: Michael Jessen

Items of Business:

1. Faye Memorial Project - Status Report by Pat & Peter. Project Committee to review two conceptual proposals for the site on Friday this week. Targeting to have an agreed-to plan before October, so we can start major fundraising. There was discussion about donations to Streamkeepers and where they are to be directed. Agreed that they would go to general funds for now, but that Don would investigate having two buttons on "Canada Helps" so the donor could make a choice of this project or other streamkeeper activities.
2. Minutes of June 21st, 2017 Meeting - John moved, Mike seconded a motion that the minutes be accepted. Carried.
3. Financial Update - Louella reported that we have \$1811.18 in our checking acct, \$4610.96 in our savings account, and \$7292.04 in our Faye Memorial account.

4. Project Activity

**Grandon Creek**

- waiting on Dave Davies for direction on permanent base for the smolt trap.

**Beach Creek**

- John is representing us on the Town Advisory Committee for the Beach Creek/Memorial Roundabout Project. Green Shores is taking the lead on shoreline design and impacts. John has put forward QBSS issues / opportunities - re knotweed, pond, smolt count fence, riparian management, flow monitoring etc.
- re Green Shores, Michael suggested we look at 1023 Seacrest in Eaglecrest to see a recent Parksville Heavy Equipment project, which is alongside two other different designs.

**Little Qualicum Estuary**

- John reported a couple of waterings, survival rate is very good, trying some tough love, we don't want to overwater.
- Craig Wightman is trying to procure screening to mitigate the hot sun.

-The Mature trees on the spit are dying, likely from excess salt from storms. Craig asked if we would be interested in a planting project to replace them. John said yes, and also suggested more robust species for this environment i.e. sitka spruce.

## **Other Projects**

- Mapping project with MVIHES, will be done in the fall.
- Creek ID Signs - are installed. Louella and Pat to work with Toni B. on adjustments required.
- Summer Water Monitoring - Gord reports 2 weeks complete, escort required on IT lands due to fire risk, no apparent anomalies in the findings.
- First-Aid Kit - Don secured one for \$30. at Costco. Suggested it be on hand at all work parties, and John suggested that we have our exact site addresses on hand should we need help. Gord to prepare location list to keep with the kit.

## 5. Outreach and Communication

- we have a few more from the membership volunteering, suggested that we try weekends in the fall for some work parties. It might draw more members.
- Beach Day - July 23, thanks Don and Mick for the seaweed display, very positively received.
- President's Message - pending
- Canada 150 - We will circulate Peter's book on the history of Streamkeepers.

## 6. Policy

- OCP - Pat/Louella - reviewed the general plan. Note September 13th for QOL Survey results, public consultation will follow, we will participate in those areas that impact fish habitat and survival.

## 7. Website

- Pay-Pal for membership and Canada Helps have been set-up. Great work Don and Diana.
- Process for incoming donations & memberships - David to send a copy to Pat and make a hard copy for Louella, so we can update Membership lists, send thank-you cards, and reconcile financials.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Next scheduled meeting : Wednesday, September 12th. 9:30 am at QF Boardroom.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson - August 10th, 2017