

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society Board Meeting, August 8th, 2018
Qualicum Foods Boardroom

Present - David James (Chair), Don Lyster, John Phillips, Mick McDonald, Pat Jacobson, Gord Almond, Louella MacVicar, Peter Drummond
Guest - Michael Jessen

Items of Business:

1. **Minutes of July 11th, 2018 Board Meeting** - Moved by John, seconded by Peter, that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

2. **Financial Update:** Mick advises the following account balances:

FSM - \$90,715.14

Current Account - \$1823.08

Savings Account - \$7627.65

A review of the expenditures and forecast re the Faye Smith Project will take place on August 9th, with the Town Accountant , Walter Hoogland, Mick and Pat

3. **Project Activity** -

Seaside Nature Park/Faye Smith Memorial

Note: Meeting set for Wednesday Aug. 15th 2-3:30 at the GC (Peter to book) to discuss the program for Sept. 23 and assign responsibilities.

- re Project Status - all site signage expected to be installed week of August 13th. We hope to open the site to the public at this time. The bench fabrication is underway and should be ready in the next couple of weeks. We will arrange a meeting with Qualicum First Nation to discuss a plan for native art when these components are complete. Planting to be done in September.

- September 23 Dedication Event - We discussed in detail and agreed to meet on Wednesday, August 15th from 2-3:30 to finalize program and assign responsibilities. Peter to book Golf Course.

Grandon Creek

-The second draft of the sign was reviewed to very positive comments. Pat to arrange for a more detailed review.

- Peter to follow-up with Dave Davies re installing the base for the smolt fence this year.

Beach Creek

- no meetings have been held of the advisory committee

LQR Estuary

- John reports river water too saline, but should improve soon. Protective cloth has been installed to mitigate the heat.

Coho Survey

- Don, John and Mick surveyed most of the Creek from Nenzel Road to Village Way, including along Garden Road. There are definitely coho smolts in there and sufficient water. John to contact Town re a property owner pumping water from the creek just upstream from the new culvert at Village Way.

Hogweed at Chester

- Michael Jessen to check with Invasive Species Council (Don Hare) re removal of flowering hogweed at 340 Chester.

Water Monitoring

- Gord advises nothing untoward, although temperature in the LQR was at 19 degrees, which is getting dangerous for salmon.

4. Policy

- Discussion “for information” re upcoming Island Timberlands logging in Beach Creek watershed, on the North East side of Memorial and the Inland Island Highway.

5. Events/Communication

- Beach Day very successful, Don’s shark dissection was a hit! Beach Day in 2019 will be on Sunday, July 21st.
- David planning a “State of the Streams” Report to the new Town Council (after October 20th).
- Ocean Mile Swim- August 19th, 5 Streamkeeper volunteers lined up to help.
- LQR Salmon Carcass Toss has documentary interest, they will contact us closer to the date to see if there are enough fish.

6. Website Update

- John Grodzki has the file and is in the process of updating.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson, Secretary
Friday August 10th