

**Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers - Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 12th, 2018 - Quality Foods Boardroom**

Present: David James, (Chair) Don Lyster, Mick McDonald, Gord Almond, John Grodzki, John Phillips, Louella MacVicar, Pat Jacobson. John Kinos (Guest)

Items of Business:

1. Minutes of August 8th, 2018 BOD Meeting. Moved by John G. seconded by John P., that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

2. Financial Update - Based on current expense forecasts, and further donations (Ducks Unlimited, CUPE, and RBC Foundation) we are close to even. Mick advises cash status as follows:

Faye Smith Memorial - \$93,282.83

Current Account - \$1823.10

Savings Account - \$7629.92

3. Project Activity -

Faye Pavilion, Seaside Nature Park -

- Everything seems to be on track for Dedication event September 23rd, from 11-2.
- The planting help is much appreciated, next planting scheduled for Sept. 18, with one more to follow possibility the following week.
- Thanks to Don for poster pictorial of the Construction process and Gord and Mick for putting up posters.

Beach Creek Advisory Committee (update from John P.) -

- There have been no Town of Qualicum Beach Advisory Committee meetings since the last QBSK Board meeting
- There have been some recent certain public concerns relative to the planned roundabout at Memorial and Island Highway 19A. It is the Town of Qualicum Beach's responsibility to resolve issues, with some suggestions from QBSK.
- Treatment of Japanese Knotweed at Elizabeth Street by designated parties remains incomplete.
- Improvements to salmon passage at Qualicum Golf Course continues to be required.
- Planting of genetically acceptable Sitka Spruce at Heritage Forest to be delayed due to mortality of seedlings. Cuttings will be collected this Fall for future planting of streambank areas currently responsible for increasing sediment into Beach Creek fish habitat.
- The Town of QB is near completion of the upgraded Hemsworth Street pedestrian/bike crossing. QBSKs may be asked to participate in the revegetation of the disturbed area.
- On July 31, three members of QBSK field reviewed the areas that drain into Beach Creek. Certain issues relative to current and potential future use were identified and

subsequently reported to the Town Engineer on August 23rd, including potential inappropriate uses. Future work is expected regarding certain identified issues.

Little Qualicum Estuary (update from John P.) -

- Members of QBSK have performed field reviews and watering of plants at this stream enhancement project.
- Watering has been restricted somewhat during the long period of sun and heat during this year's summer months. This, to protect plants from shock relative to cold water on hot plant surfaces; as well as to eliminate or significantly reduce levels of salt being pumped onto plants due to lower freshwater levels in the Little Qualicum River.
- Shade cloth was installed on the four designated planted areas on July 23rd. The cloth currently provided added shade to about 1/3 of the four planted areas. Potential benefits of this treatment are unknown at this time.
- There have been some discussions with plant suppliers, and project leaders relative to adding additional plants to the area in an attempt to add protection from weather related impacts.

Whiskey Creek (update from John P.) -

- Certain members of QBSK participated in a field review hosted by representatives of the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding a recent large crossing failure at upper Whiskey Creek.
- QBSK agreed to participate in the remediation of the related damage to fish habitat.

Village Way Culvert, water removal problem. - John P. to follow-up with Bob Weir

4. Policy

- Beach Creek Outlet Concerns - Given the recent publicity on the Beach Creek changes, David to advise JR that Streamkeepers would be willing to comment on the estuary and green shore plans.

5. Website Update - John G.

- to be updated with a contributor list
- domain to be renewed.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson
September 16th, 2018