

## ***Moving Around Pender (MAP)***

Meeting Minutes: Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 1:15 -3 PM

*Location:* Community Hall, lounge

*Chair:* Niall Parker,

*Present:* Andrea Mills, Peter Paré, Barry Mathias, Niall Parker, Lisa Baile, Peter Easthope, Ursula Poepel, Bruce Boland, Dave Hargreaves, Paul Weyer

*Regrets:* John Chapman, Geoff de Ruiter, Robb Zuk, Peter Easthope

Called to order at 1:15 pm

1. Agenda approved
2. Minutes of November 2017 AGM approved
3. Finances: **Lisa**: Present balance in non-bus account \$1659.36. Present balance in Bus account ~\$7209. In addition there is \$1000 in the Bus advertising account and about \$560 in Spirit dollars.
4. Pender Post Articles: **Niall** will do March. **Peter**, April, May, **Lisa**, June **Barry**, July **Andrea** and August **Dave Hargreaves** Please contact Niall if you can't do these dates
5. Status reports:
  - a. Hamilton Trail: *Barry*. Nothing new. Burdettes have put a pause on the initiative. It was suggested it might be time to contact them again. **Barry** will do so.
  - b. Magic Ferry designated route:
    - i. Wein's Trail (Valley Home Farm trail): Work on hold due to the wet. Next step is to put up wire fencing. This will cost about \$1200 which is about all we have in the trails account at the moment. Nu to Yu again? The completion of the trail north of the present trails will be done in collaboration with PIPRC. They have budgeted \$2500 for this and it will begin when it is dry enough for Ron Henshaw to work on the land
    - ii. Alice Church Road: **Niall**, Nothing new.
    - iii. Einar's Hill Road side trail – **Niall** A roadside trail is planned for part of the Davies property but how it could link to the other segments of the trail is unclear.  
  
We discussed the section between the Valley Home Farm and the hill. A lot of it is along the Odden property which is still for sale. Niall will contact owners. Peter will contact MOTI regarding their desire to establish ROW in this non gazetted portion of the road.
  - c. Mate-Canal connector. Geoff. Nothing new.

- d. Shingle Bay-Irene Bay. We discussed the Lively Peak emergency egress. Niall pointed out there could be more than one egress. Niall will draft a letter to GINPR to formally ask for the establishment of a trail over this route. Copies to Dave Howe and Elizabeth May.
- e. Car Stops: Barry. Nothing New. Medicine Beach Stop to be mended.
- f. GITS: Peter reported on the GITS AGM. Insurance has been purchased. Now with 5 partners (including SSI) the cost is \$380 per island.
- g. PICA: We had a discussion about PICAs blanket opposition to bikes on trails. Niall explained that MAP is working with PIPRC to have bylaws changed to all the potential for bikes on designated, appropriately engineered trails. Ursula will bring up issue again at PICA in the hope that they will support this very limited and specific access to certain trails for bikes
- h. GINPR: **Niall**. See item d. above
- i. Bus Subcommittee: **Peter**: Robb is doing a good job of coordinating.

- i. **Funding:**

- We got \$5000 from the CRD as a grant in aid for operations.
    - We also got \$3800 for a bus shelter and to pay rent to PIPRC for parking at their shed.
    - We did not get a grant for 6k from Van City despite a nice note from them!
    - Pending still is a grant to the Federation of BC Municipalities for 15k. Not sure of when we will hear.
    - There is a plan to hold a Penducky Derby on May long weekend spearheaded by Deb Morrison. We discussed the issue of the appropriate gaming license for this event. A class B license does not allow us to sell tickets online which Deb was hoping for. Paul suggested that the effort of selling all the tickets without online sales may make our proposed timeline unrealistic as this is the most labor intensive part of the project. **Peter** will discuss with Deb Morrison.
    - It was suggested that an approach to the Lions for \$1500 might be fruitful.
    - We have not had support from Nu to Yu. It was suggested that we apply again.
    - **Lisa** will talk to Robert Lannon re possible concert

- ii. **Bus maintenance.** We discussed issues of bus maintenance. The cooling system has failed on the bus and is going to cost 2.7 k. We

discussed the possibility of a transmission failure on the bus. Bruce suggested that if it failed it would not be worth fixing.

- iii. **Drivers:** There are 3 new drivers for the bus which helps with scheduling.

6. New Business:

- a. **PIPRC rules for bikes on trails.** Niall reviewed this issue. PIPRC is amending their bylaws to allow bikes on appropriately designated trails. They have asked MAP to provide background on rules for such trails. Niall has sent them the CRD Regional trails rules and suggested they adopt them. The first such trail would be the Valley Home Farm trail. Since part of this will be a PIPRC trail we need to work with them regarding this rules.  
**Lively Peak Egress:** We discussed this route. This could also be a designated bus route since it will be appropriately surfaced. The development of this route does not preclude the development of an additional route/trail between Shingle and Irene Bays.
- b. We discussed the future of the community Bus. Dave Hargreaves summarized the research he has done into electric buses including a meeting with the CEO of BC Transit. He concluded that the availability of appropriately sized electric buses are at least 5 years away. A free ranging discussion of electric buses followed.
  - i. <https://cleantechnica.com/2018/01/01/shenzhen-completes-switch-fully-electric-bus-fleet-electric-taxis-next/>
  - ii. [https://www.alibaba.com/product-detail/Pure-mini-electric-bus-city-bus\\_60462490719.html?spm=a2700.7724838.2017115.36.7982658cQ6U4pf](https://www.alibaba.com/product-detail/Pure-mini-electric-bus-city-bus_60462490719.html?spm=a2700.7724838.2017115.36.7982658cQ6U4pf)
  - iii. [https://www.alibaba.com/product-detail/New-Energy-Mini-City-Bus-6\\_60695049244.html?spm=a2700.7724838.2017115.1.7982658cQ6U4pf](https://www.alibaba.com/product-detail/New-Energy-Mini-City-Bus-6_60695049244.html?spm=a2700.7724838.2017115.1.7982658cQ6U4pf)
  - iv. [https://www.alibaba.com/product-detail/Brand-new-18-20-seats-JAC\\_60459715417.html?spm=a2700.7724838.2017115.129.3afd4014K4xzDK](https://www.alibaba.com/product-detail/Brand-new-18-20-seats-JAC_60459715417.html?spm=a2700.7724838.2017115.129.3afd4014K4xzDK)
- c. Golf Carts on roads. This topic which as been raised on FaceBook was briefly discussed. We did not reach a MAP position on the issue.

Next meeting March 10<sup>th</sup> 1:15 at the Hall.