

2021 AGM MINUTES
Camosun Community Association
Zoom Video Conference
Thursday November 18, 2021 7 P.M.

Call to Order: 7:00 PM by Lisa Timmons. Present were Meralin Young, Vicki Sanders, Leigh Urquhart, Vernon Lord, Andrea Gleichauf, Angus Whitmore, Evan Fryer and guests. Total of 15 attended.

Approval of AGM Agenda: Motioned by Leigh, seconded by Evan

Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes: Motioned by Leigh, seconded by Evan.

Welcome introduction from Lisa - outlining what the CCA is about and how we as a nonprofit society, represent residents views and activities as a liaison with the municipality, organize local events, communicate with developers and try to uphold the Local Community Plan. Lisa welcomed our guest speaker Gerald Harris for this AGM.

Guest Speaker:

- We were very pleased to have **Gerald Harris**, who is a North Jubilee resident and director of the Streams keeper group, a division of the Friends of Bowker Creek society. His PowerPoint presentation was about Chum Salmon Recovery in Bowker Creek. FOBC director **Ian Graeme** followed up with a talk on the importance of the Bowker Creek Blueprint, a 100 year action plan to restore the Bowker Creek Watershed.

Chum salmon were plentiful in Bowker Creek until around 1914, and trout were being caught near the present Hillside Mall. Ainslie Helmcken remembered seeing them migrating upstream behind Jubilee Hospital. He played along the creek as a boy while his father, Dr. Helmcken, visited patients. Indigenous people have fished salmon and trout in the creek for likely the past 6000 years. Culverting of the creek began in 1914 and now one half of the Shelbourne Valley is covered by an impenetrable surface, the goal of the **Bowker Creek Chum Salmon Recovery Project** is to restore Chum in the creek.

Purpose and process of the project:

To restore Chum salmon in Bowker Creek by the following process:

- **combine action and study in a multi-year dynamic process** that includes these elements:
 - **release Chum fry** in the creek at Monteith St, downstream from Fireman's Park over a period of years,
 - assessing downstream migration survival of the fry
 - **assess the present potential of creek habitat, water quality and flow** in the lower (Oak Bay) reaches of the stream, with reference to the needs of

Chum salmon migration upstream, spawning, egg incubation, fry emergence and migration downstream, using:

- **background data** from earlier assessment work in the creek
- **new assessments of habitat and water quality**, performed by community volunteers between Summer 2020 and Summer 2021, emphasizing the period, mid-October to mid-May when Chum would be present in the stream
- **report on the stream's present potential for supporting a Chum salmon population**, addressing topics of carrying capacity and limiting factors of habitat, water quality and flow
- **suggest a range of possible restoration and mitigation measures**, prioritizing for simplicity and immediate effectiveness
- **observe and respond to adult Chum returns**, as follows:
 - **observe** migration and spawning
 - **possibly directly assist**, as necessary and practical
 - **note limiting factors**,
 - **suggest, advocate for and initiate corrective action** in habitat, water quality and flow
- **Repeat over a period of years** the cycle of:
 - **observing the Chum and assisting as needed** in upstream and downstream migration, egg fertilization and incubation,
 - **initiating corrective action**
- **to establish a self-sustaining Chum salmon population**

Gerald presented the approximate timeline:

- **Feb. 2022** — Stream keepers participated in placing 30,000 eggs in a prepared location in Bowker Creek, directed by Peninsula Streams staff.
- **Winter 2021-22:** Stream keepers build fencing on the banks at the site to discourage people from going into the creek or trampling the vegetation. So we need to do the planning and fundraising ASAP. Neither Peninsula Streams nor DFO are helping us with the fencing.
- **November 2021:** Stream keepers go to Goldstream hatchery to take eggs from selected Chum salmon adults, directed by hatchery staff. The hatchery will then incubate the eggs until time to transfer them to Bowker Creek in February
- **Late-Aug. or early-Sep. 2021:** Stream keepers participate in placing cobble and gravel to make spawning benches in the creek in preparation for the Chum eggs, directed by Peninsula Streams staff.
- **Late-July and early-Aug 2021:** Stream keepers prepare stream bank habitat to allow access for the later work in the stream, while maintaining good cover/privacy for the incubating eggs, directed by Gerald and Brandon.

The Camosun Community Association was pleased to present Gerald Harris with a \$400 donation to the Friends of Bowker Creek, to assist them with their Salmon Recovery project.

Reports

President: Lisa

- This past year the CCA has approximately 100 members. More of our meetings have been online and we have focused on getting our message out through Facebook and our website which now have linked postings thanks to Tom Celuzak our skilled webmaster. We have used Mailchimp to send out our electronic newsletters and have successfully set up E-Transfer with our bank for membership fees and payments.
- We have paid particular attention to maintaining our partnerships with parties of common interest such as Friends of Bowker Creek, Friends of Kings St. Nature Space as well as other community associations.
- A membership drive was carried out through Mailchimp with one lucky member receiving a \$25 Bolen's gift certificate.
- Board member Vicki Sanders gave an educational PowerPoint Heritage presentation for the Camosun area.
- Paul Thorkelson the CAO of Saanich spoke at one of our meetings about the Shelbourne Valley action plan [SVAP](#) and fielded questions from the viewers.
- Dean Murdock, former Saanich councilor gave an enlightened talk at a board meeting on his vision called Mobility Saanich [Better Mobility](#)
- The bulk of time at the CCA is spent on land use issues and making residents aware that in this area of Saanich there is a deficit of green space.

Treasurer: Vernon

The fiscal year started with \$2900 and we presently have \$2700. Money from dues was \$230 and we received a \$770 grant from Saanich. We donated \$500 to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen and \$400 to Friends of Bowker Creek society. Vernon presented a report showing all debits and credits for the year in our chequing account.

Developments- Land Use: Vicki Sanders

- Overview given on present active development applications in the Shelbourne area, **namely** 3385,3399,3401,3405 Shelbourne (To rezone from RS-6 (Single Family Dwelling) to a New Comprehensive Zone to Construct a 101 Unit Condo and 6, 3-Storey Townhouse. 1647,1641 McRae, 3226 Shelbourne (To rezone from RS-6 Single Family Dwelling to construct a six storey 87 unit residential apartment building.) and 2859 Richmond – Urban Thrive developer (to rezone from RS-6 Single Family Dwelling to site specific zone to construct a 9 unit townhome building. Julian West from Urban Thrive spoke on this proposed car free townhome project. There were no updates on these applications and others which can be viewed here [Applications](#) on Saanich.ca website.

- Vicki explained how the engagement process with Saanich works regarding changes to the applications after initial viewing by Saanich planning and the feedback from the public and submissions from the CCA and how the CCA often does online or physical surveys to local residents who reside nearby proposed developments.

Shelbourne Community Kitchen: Vicki

- Vicki talked about the history of the kitchen and how the CCA was one of the founding partners, their move to a new location, fundraising activities, the increase of food insecurity and the offsite gardens maintained by the kitchen. Additional info can be found here [SCK](#)

CALC- Community Association Liaison Committee: Meralin

- UVic's Community Associations Liaison Committee works with neighboring community associations to develop mutually supportive relationships, share information and to resolve concerns. Meetings take place through the year. There are representatives from all the community associations near the University: Oak Bay, Cadboro Bay, Gordon Head, Quadra Cedar Hill, Mt. Tolmie and Camosun.
- Topics discussed this year were the renovation of Queenswood Centre on Arbutus Rd. for Ocean and Climate Studies as well as the former chapel is being converted to a child care centre.
- On campus buildings construction continued on the National Center for Indigenous Law addition, an addition to the Engineering building, a six story new student residence. Further is the expansion of the cycling network to tie in with existing cycling networks bordering the campus.
- The largest controversy resulted from the closure of the off lease dog park – Cedar Hill X rd. which is on UVic property. Many residents registered complaints – UVic decided to keep the land for its own use.
- Our current ongoing challenge is to recruit an UVic student to join our board so we can have a student's perspective on community shared issues.

Environment: Lisa

- The present focus is getting the message out at the November 22 council meeting regarding the final funding of the Kings Street Nature Space.

Communications: Evan

- This has been a great year connecting Facebook and our website and enabling us to share posts from other community organizations as well as their organizations can share our posts. We try to be consistent in our postings, provide electronic

newsletters and online surveys to provide feedback which we can take to Saanich council.

- Lisa thanked our communications team of Tom Celuzak – maintaining our website posts and Evan with our Facebook account for all their hard work,

Election of Officers : Presided by director Angus Whitmore

Executive:

There were no further nominations for the position of President, Vice president, treasurer and secretary and the present incumbents agreed to stay on another term.

- **President** : Lisa Timmons
- **Treasurer- Vice President:** Vernon Lord
- **Secretary:** Leigh Urquhart
Leigh put forward a motion of one vote for the 4 executive positions. Vernon Lord seconded.

Election of Directors:

Angus stated that the present five directors at large have decided to stay on another term. He asked if anyone else would consider the position and Jamie Dopp put his name forward as director. Lisa nominated Jamie and was seconded by Vernon.

- **Vicki Sanders** : Land Use
- **Andrea Gleichauf** : Environment
- **Meralin Young** : UVic Community Association Liaison Committee
- **Angus Whitmore** : Director at Large
- **Evan Fryer:** Communications
- **Jamie Dopp** : Director at large

Having heard no more nominations Angus announced the election of officers closed.

New business:

Evan conducted a random spinning wheel draw visible to all for a \$25 gift certificate to Bolen books- for those attending the AGM meeting. Wendy won the draw and will send her address to Evan for drop off of the certificate.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM
