

## Cultus Lake Aquatic Stewardship Strategy

### CLASS notes for Wednesday April 29, 2015

9:30 a.m. at DFO research lab, Chilliwack Valley Road, Cultus Lake

#### 1. Introductions:

#### 2. a) Accept agenda

#### b) Accept previous month's notes, any additions

Find story re Promontory: Crown appeals Tom Gaglardi's Sentence, KamloopsThisWeek.

#### 3. Old business:

#### a) FVRD grant-in-aid \$3,000 approved. Next steps for website development.

Note: in future, Dave or someone else from CLASS should sign such applications.

C will talk with Darcy about next steps. See proposal in past minutes. See January minutes from Jason comments. See website design layout.

– make a list of groups we want to be linked with via our website.

Look into more dollars: CL Parks Board; Growing Forward ? \$5K.

#### b) Outreach strategy/funding: informal funding inquiry made to Canadian Wildlife Federation, no response to date. **Actions** Christina will pursue this over the summer.

Outreach would include but not limited to:

Transcription of Selbie talk from video – It continues!

Signage – must be part of this plan. Moveable signs at Lindell, Sweltzer & Main Beach. Milfoil, protecting; eutrophication, website. QRT symbols

Sign committee: Dave, Gord, graphic designer Joel Gidney. (in-kind donation, donated by Gidney, tax donation via FVWC.

**ACTIONS:** Christina: ask FVWC/Lance about tax deduction for donors to CLASS.) Dave will talk to Gidney.

#### d) BC Timber Sales: logging on Vedder Mountain. Report: Dave, Gord and Angus were to meet to discuss issues regarding logging proposals. Discussion, submit comments. Contact list for BC Timber Sales; coordinate with Cultus Lake park board, FVRD. Any requests for logging documents, **Copy of interpretive forest rules from Maria Dunn?**

Dave talked w Gord last week, Angus Alison will be back soon. So to draft the letter. Action: to draft the letter.

Lewis & Dave were at fire meeting, 75 ft cut back along Sunnyside Blve & MtnView Drive to trim bush, unhealthy woods. Local forest ministry Forester Oren Caddie, is willing to talk to us. Lewis, cleaning the underbrush, and lower branches up to 2 meters & unsound trees. Weather dependent, willing to talk to us.

**ACTION:** Dave invite him to May or June meeting. Don Morton from Rossland.

#### d) Waste committee: Updates on Cultus Lake Liquid Waste Management Plan Committee first meeting April 15. Any interest in the UBC Centre for Interactive Research on Sustainability (CIRS) waste water management tour. (Dave put in as a possibility down the road.) .

Two speakers for 3.5 hours (Urban Systems) nice mix of residents and developers.

First meeting, how process will work. Small focus & go broader to all possibilities; lots of brainstorming in the start; funding options will also be considered. Public presence in community starting in June? 2-year committee, (Chris Young from Lindell Beach Community Assoc., perhaps 10 years to complete.)

#### e) Finance: expense claim form sent into to Lance to reimburse Lauren for card printing. DONE.

f) **Future events:** Report on space, dates available for future evening meetings. Possible guest speakers: **Rob Wilson** and/or **Joanna Hirner BC Parks**.

**ACTION:** Christina will contact them, invite them.

Or Dave will invite Margaret or Graham re Plan Cultus: on Cultus Lake Park, Lindell Beach changes. And the forestry guy or Orin to speak on fire prevention brush clearing around Main Beach.

Others? May June July, August break, back in September. May 27 School or community hall.

Dave & Christina contact: Chris as a reminder to ask what she's found out.

(Chris Young from Lindell Beach said BC Parks was missing from sewer meeting.)

\*\*\* **ACTION:** Christina work on an agenda for evening meeting.

g) **Pikeminnow Derby:** *Chilliwack Progress* notified. We're off BC Family Fishing events listing.

Owen Bird at BCFF said it was well received over past 8 years, offered to help when event is resumed. Thank you sent to Bob McCrae. Removed from other listings? Review draft press release. Spokesperson. Complete list of recipients.

See notes on the draft press release hard copy.

PR sent out May 6/15 and Christina, (radio) Dave (Times) responded to media questions.

h) **Water levels management:** Dave Clyne: FVRD & CLPB will change water pipe on south side of foot bridge, (exit of lake), pipe will be laid deeper, and allow any dredging to go deeper in Sweltzer Creek. CLPB put in application for dredging to the BC Min of Environment.

#### **New Business:**

a) General report from participants who attended Cultus Lake Community Association networking event on April 4, 2015.

LAUREN: It was fun, lots of presenters, networking was done. Lewis: networking was the main point. Positive interaction between groups. CLASS had several tables.

b) Report from Jeanne Hughes FVIPC on Sweltzer Creek work (not available yet.)

c) CLPark Board CAO issue, brief discussion, how does this affect CLASS. Ron was discharged and \$\$ audit was done. CLPB made commitment to work on yellow flag, milfoil.

d) Wood stove information dissemination, participants (review best practises, wood storage, advice). Christina: Requests more contacts for possible home visits. Nick Klassen.

e) **Possible guest speakers: Margaret Thornton [Director of Planning and Development] and Graham Daneluz [Manager of Electoral Area Planning/Deputy Planner]** for FVRD have offered to come speak to CLASS about Plan Cultus.

**Action:** An agenda for the evening, blend the regular and presentation of speakers. Include a bit about CLASS, Dave's business cards on CLASS. **Action:** Dave find them.

Set up tables similar to April 4 networking event.

**Ask** Chris about hauling the relief map to such an event. (Maintenance: CLPark)

**Ask** Neal about unclaimed derby prizes, about 2 dozen, fishing rods etc. (Ask around what to do with uncollected prizes.)

**Promote** the evening meeting.

Agenda for the night: CLASS attendance at the local farm market.

Community events free at the two local papers:

Presentations: recent speakers we've had

Print out & display agenda for the evening. Send out a Google invite.  
Distribution of info, write up a plan for that.

**Action:** Christina: write out steps to cover for the evening meeting.

Micro meeting at the end: on e. milfoil, signage, (get input from people.)

And announce next meeting on June 24, 2015

f) Storage binder – to keep documents organized. **ACTION:** Dave will buy multiple binders.  
(Printed minutes from beginning of year.)

g) BC Rivers Day, Sept. 26 – what will we do to take participate? Rifle range. Item, in June 24 meeting.

h) **ACTION** Browne Creek – Christina will send out May 14, Browne Creek Wetlands opening.

i End meeting. **Next meeting is 6:30 p.m. (7pm start) MAY 27, 2015 at Cultus Lake Community School.**