

**Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Board Meeting
May 26, 2021 - 9:30 Qualicum Beach Museum**

Present: David James (Chair), Louella MacVicar, Pat Jacobson, John Phillips, Peter Drummond, Neil Worboys, Gord Almond, Mick McDonald, Neil Carruthers

Items of Business:

1. Financial Update - Mick reports our chequing account balance at \$2916.06, and our savings account at \$6287.93, with \$175.10 in our PayPal account for memberships. We have received \$305. in memberships this year, and have 46 paid members. We are grateful to Mark and Diana Sawers for a donation of \$1000. toward our work at the Little Qualicum Estuary.

2. Project Activity -

Faye Smith Pavilion

- Pat to check on hairy honeysuckle plants, ivy and bamboo on the beach should be removed at some point

Little Qualicum River Estuary

- Still waiting on BCCF and the RDN for development of a long range plan, and for an update on potential signage.
- We had a successful planting session with 30 KSS students in April
- Summer activity will be ensuring that the irrigation is activated during dry spells
- Suggestion of a tour of the estuary for the Board and interested members

Beach Creek

- Peter to followup with Laura, our DFO community adviser re plans for the pond.
- Streamkeepers helped Tom Whitfield, BPPS with bank repairs on a Heritage Forest Trail off Sunningdale Road that crosses Beach Creek. (could be an ongoing issue for the creek)
- We need to keep Beach Creek Estuary Interpretive Signage on the Town's radar, maybe a fall project?

MABRII Wetland Monitoring

- We have agreed to participate in monitoring a site off Laburnum near the school. Pat to send a note to membership to invite participation.

September Smolt Count in Beach and Grandon Creeks

- Dave Clough will define the locations of 3 ponds on each creek, good opportunity to involve our membership

Waterlogger Downloads

- David to contact BCCF re downloading the data.

Yellow Fish Program

- Peter has not heard anything from MVIHES

RDN Community Watershed Monitoring Results for 2020 and Trend Report

- This should be available now, Pat to forward to the Board.

3. Outreach and Communications

- We participated in the **St. Stephens Earth Day** beach clean-up, didn't find much garbage, maybe half a bag. David to follow-up with Chris Lemphers.
- **Mid-Island Stewardship Caucus** - Pat is participating on behalf of QBSS, and will send out more details. One item being discussed is sharing equipment. We could potentially use this group to pass on some of our excess equipment.

4. Policy

- **Insurance** requirements are getting more difficult. Pacific Streamkeepers Federation has extended our policy for a few months while they continue to work on finalizing the details. We agreed that at the beginning of "work parties" it would be a good idea to have a safety briefing.
- **AGM and Board of Directors** - We will tentatively plan for September. Start thinking about a possible guest speaker.
- **Dry Storage** - Peter to contact the Town re potential use of storage at the New FireHall.

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