

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Board Meeting 10:00am Aug 5/22 Held at the Community Park

Present: David James (Chair), Daryl Erickson, John Phillips, Neil Carruthers, Pat Jacobson, Ray Woroniak, (Sasha & Claire)

Items of Business

1. Minutes of May 18, 2022 Meeting - Moved by John, seconded by Neil that the minutes be accepted.
2. Financial/Membership Update by Daryl - Summary is appended to the minutes.
3. Insurance - David reports that final policy is still outstanding with Pacific Streamkeepers Federation, but expected soon.

4. Project Activity

Little Qualicum Estuary - David & Daryl participated in a Zoom call on Aug. 3 which brought together a number of gov't and non profits to discuss a long term plan for the Little Qualicum River Estuary Conservation Area.

QB Streamkeepers has been active in the area for the past seven years in helping remove invasive plants and plant and maintain native trees and shrubs in this key salmon habitat. The meeting participants identified several short term measures, including removal of the original five plant exclosures, and continued invasive plantmanagement.

Longer term initiatives include a soil assessment, a review of the survival rates of plantings over the past seven years, development of a five year planting framework, a review of erosion impacts on the estuary, continued management of the resident Canada Goose population, and the installation of interpretive signage.

Memorial Golf Club/Beach Creek Management Plan - There has been no contact from the Golf Course on this, we will continue to follow-up.

Seaside Nature Park - We need a new strategy for the plantings on the highway side of the park, as well as a major clean-out of weeds. Pat to contact Arnold Schwabe to get agreement on a new plan as well as more regular maintenance. It was noted that there is now a Port-a-Potty there, which was much needed. The area is being used by more and more campers.

MABRII Wetland Monitoring (off Laburnum Road) - Ray and Sasha attended the quarterly session on July 25th, there were higher levels of water, likely due to the very wet spring. Ray noted that there was lots of water parsley!!

Level Logger & Water Flow Monitoring - It is proposed by the BCCF that the level logger at the Hemsworth culvert be moved to the Village Way Culvert, and a second one be installed at Elizabeth. This data is downloaded once a year. It is also proposed that we do flow tracking downstream near Elizabeth Ave as well, and that the flow tracking be done on a more regular basis.

Forage Fish Monitoring - 4 Beaches are monitored quarterly, 1 at the estuary, 2 on Surfside, and one at Flamingo Drive. There has been no evidence of the targeted species.

RDN Water Monitoring Program - The Summer sampling period starts on August 16th. Volunteers are in place.

Smolt Count - Planned for September in Beach and Grandon Creeks, good opportunity to engage our membership.

Grandon Creek Reforestation - The Town is not willing to provide property surveys to show where there is available public land for plantings and invasive removal. We are basically on hold. Pat to check old material from Faye to see if there is any more information.

Town Request for Volunteers - To help with fish removal from Beach Creek caissons near the end of August, to facilitate cleaning. We can send out a request for volunteers once we get more info.

5. Outreach and Communications

Beach Day - July 17th - great turnout, lots of interest.

6. AGM - Agreed to hold the 2022 AGM after the election, late Oct/Nov.
David to contact PSF re potential guest speaker.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson
August 14th, 2022

QBSK Financial Summary to		Jul 31, 2022	
Opening Equity			\$7,593
Income			
Membership	\$275		
General Donations	\$435		
Revenue from Projects	\$28		
Bank Interest	<u>\$5</u>		
		\$743	
Expenses			
QBSK Administration	\$35		
	\$0		
Project Costs	<u>\$466</u>		
		<u>\$500</u>	
Change for Fiscal Year 2022			<u>\$242</u>
Closing Equity (Cash and Assets minus Liabilities)			\$7,835

As of July 31, 2022 there are 34 memberships paid this year
There are 19 memberships overdue for renewal
There are 27 memberships due at AGM in Oct.