

# Peninsula Streams Society Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 • Brentwood Bay Lodge • 3-5pm

## Attendees (55)

Alice Finall, DNS, Mayor  
Arlene Cross  
Art Crouse, Friends of Swan Creek Watershed  
Bernie Bowker, Friends of Tod Creek Watershed  
Bill Collins, Residents of Reay Creek  
Bill Foster  
Bill Kennedy  
Bob Johnson  
Brian Koval, PSS Assistant Coordinator  
Bruce Hardy, PSS Board  
Carmel Thomson, Friends of Maltby Lake  
Carol Milo  
Colin Dower  
Craig Elder, Friends of Swan Creek Watershed  
Dave Lawrie  
David Spence  
Denis Coupland, PSS Treasurer  
Denis Raimbault  
Doug Hamilton, Healthy Watersheds Committee  
Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of  
Canada and Member of Parliament for Saanich,  
Gulf Islands  
Farrell Boyce, PSS, Vice Chair  
Fred Beinhauer, Friends of Swan Creek Watershed  
Gary Holman, Saanich North and the Islands,  
MLA  
Geoff Orr, DNS, Councillor  
Gwen Curry  
Harold Wolf, Gabo Creek  
Ian Bruce, PSS Executive Coordinator  
Jane Hunter  
Jennifer Kennedy  
Jill Robinson, Habitat Acquisition Trust, ED  
Jocelyn Gifford  
John Schmuck, Quadra Cedar Hill CA  
Judith Kirchner, PSS, Board  
Lin Callow, PSS, Chair  
Lori James-Derry  
Lynn Husted, Goward Springs Stewards  
Maggie Bell  
Marjorie Garside, PSS, Board  
Martin Chambers  
Mary Cully  
Mary Haig-Brown, PSS Secretary  
Michael Derry  
Mike Besler, Friends of Swan Creek Watershed  
Newton Hockey, PSS, Past Chair  
Patrick Kerfoot  
Reg Kirkham, Residents of Reay Creek  
Robert McConnell, Victoria Golden Rods and  
Reels Fishing and Social Club  
Roni Anderson  
Sheila Irving, PSS, Board  
Sunny Johnson  
Susan Leslie  
Tobi Gardner, PSS, Board  
Wendy Wilde, PSS, Board  
Winona Pugh, Friends of Tod Creek Watershed  
Woody Thomson, Friends of Maltby Lake

## Regrets

Francesca Loro, PSS Stewardship Coordinator

### 1) Welcome and Introductions – AGM called to order at 3:09pm.

Chair Lin Callow thanked Brentwood Bay Resort & Spa, Peninsula Streams Society staff, all members and attendees of the AGM.

### 2) Agenda approved.

Newton Hockey moved approval of agenda and was seconded by Tobi Gardner. CARRIED.

### 3) Minutes from 2015 AGM approved.

Newton Hockey moved approval of the minutes and was seconded by Mary Haig-Brown. CARRIED.

### 4) Resolutions

Newton Hockey proposed that By-Law 1.03 be amended to read that “A fee of \$10 per annum will be charged to each member.” This was seconded by Farrell Boyce. CARRIED. This was an increase from \$5 in previous years.

Newton Hockey proposed that By-Law 3.01 be amended to read that “There shall be no fewer than eleven (11) and no more than sixteen (16) Directors of the Society.” This was seconded by Sheila Irving. CARRIED. This has been an increase from a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 16 in previous years.

**5) Chair's Report** – Lin Callow (report attached).

**6) Treasurer's Report** – Denis Coupland

2016 Core Report presented. (Separate budgets for programs and projects are available for viewing upon request – contact Francesca.)

Revenue

Carryover from 2015 - \$5,000

Business – Received \$5,000 of budgeted \$5,000. Business donations have decreased in recent years. Need to ramp up corporate fundraising program.

Organizations - \$2000 from Sidney Anglers Association

Foundations – Received \$13,565 of budgeted \$17,050.

Individuals – Received \$8,580 of budgeted \$10,000.

Grants

- District of North Saanich (DNS) - \$15,000 requested for 2016
- District of Central Saanich (DCS) - \$10,000 requested for 2016
- Saanich - \$10,000 requested for 2016 – received but \$9,000 allocated to core
- Sidney – We will receive \$0 from Sidney. In the past we have received up to \$2,000 and have received less and less over time.

GST rebate – \$3,500 applied for and received

Dinner and silent auction – Budgeted for ~\$5,000. Will discuss the event at next board meeting

Memberships – Budgeted for \$1,000 which will be an increase from 2015. This is expected with the increase in membership prices.

Water Quality Monitoring Program – contract with DCS for \$15,000. \$5,500 of this will be transferred to Core budget, an increase from \$5,000 in 2015.

Institute of Ocean Sciences – Upwards of \$30,000/year in-kind donation since 1998 for use of office space, meeting rooms, printing, etc.

Expenditures

Executive Coordinator – Budgeted for \$37,800

Stewardship Coordinator – Budgeted for \$32,500

Assistant Coordinator – Budgeted for \$15,680. This is supported by the Wage Subsidy program that covered 50% of the wages for the first 4.5 months of employment.

Total budget expenditures are \$105,080. Slight deficit of \$2,500.

Denis moved adoption of core report as presented. Seconded by Lin. CARRIED.

**7) Executive Coordinator's Report** – Ian Bruce

Thanks to Brentwood Bay Resort & Spa for use of room for today's AGM.

This year marks 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Ian – started with WSIKEM-TENTEN Stewardship Project in January 2000. Gratifying job, work with great people, kids, etc.

Thank you to today's guest speaker Honorable Elizabeth May, Peninsula Streams' staff, Board and especially Executive. Thank you to Lin Callow for serving as Chair in 2015. Thanks to all Volunteers, Funders and other NGOs, we all work together. We work with SIPs, HAT and many wonderful stewardship groups.

We have received funding from BC Hydro to work on Blenkinsop Creek. Elk Lake has received ample support from the community and restoration projects will have overlapping jurisdiction.

## **Programs**

### Environmental Education

Grade 3 Program – The salmon life cycle and watershed model program will begin at the end of May.

Grade 6-7 Program – The Creatures of Habitat program was a success in 2016. Upwards of 4,000 children have been through the program. Thanks to all the volunteers, teachers and students.

Grade 5 Program – Cool Carbon Connections is a pilot project and supported by the Greater Victoria Savings and Credit Union Legacy Fund. The program was put on for one day at Deep Cove School in November 2015. A video was made to help advertise the program which is scheduled to launch Fall 2016.

### Water Quality Monitoring

Thank you to the many groups that undertake volunteer water quality monitoring activities. Water quality reports on Hagan and Tetayut Creeks are available for 2015. Monitoring will continue this year.

## **Projects**

### Chalet Creek

- We've been working in Chalet watershed for many years.
- Fry release with Deep Cove Elementary School on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to Mary Cully for collecting water height measurement of Gardner's Pond every week since June 2011. Staff will clean the staff gauge and install a second to allow readings above 1 meter.

### Tseycum Creek

- SIPS organizes a Shorekeepers program which monitors the beach. Tseycum First Nations were first involved. They are currently looking for volunteers for this year's program. Contact Denis Coupland. WQ monitoring of fecal coliform levels on and off since 2000.
- Pat Bay Beach Project with Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Tseycum First Nation and many other partners. RFCPP (Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program) funding. 2000 tonnes of gravel delivered for beach replenishment. Trying to make beach suitable for forage fish spawning and more gravel is needed.

### TenTen Creek

- The creek recently flooded due to a collapsed culvert by Willingdon Road.
- Working with VAA on a stream restoration and landfill cleanup project. We have been pushing for this for years and it is happening in 2016 thanks to James Bogusz of VAA. Scheduled for July-October 2016.
- Cutthroat have been found in Tenten Creek.

### Hagan/Graham Creek

- Waterhouse property – Stormwater pond/habitat and overflow channel working great, lots of volunteer sessions held over the past few years.
- proposed restoration on Phillipchalk property this summer. Fred Burgess of Stantec will be working with us on this project.
- Water quality monitoring program will continue
- look forward to Maber Flats project on Graham Creek in near future

### Tod Creek

- The fishway project in 2015 was a great success. Raised funds for project but The Butchart Garden's (TBG) refused the money and paid for the project itself. Our Pacific Salmon Foundation grant was then allocated to the Tod Flats project. A video tunnel system will be installed at the fishway with support from TBG, Sidney Anglers Association and DFO's Ian Matthews. This will allow a means of enumerating fish utilizing the fishway.
- The Tod Flats project was a big success in 2015. Restoration will continue 2016-18. Fish traps were installed to assess whether fish were utilizing access channels from the flats. Coho salmon and cutthroat trout were caught in the traps which will help us acquire further funding for the project. Water level data, supplied by Tobi Gardner showed the flats draining faster than before restoration. A recent increase

in water levels suggest a blockage downstream (likely due to beavers); Saanich staff need to resolve the issue.

- Spawning platforms will be added to Ward Creek and also by Prospect Lake.
- Signage pertaining to the restoration work has been installed at the flats.

#### Maltby Lake

- Group formed to help save Maltby Lake and surrounds from sale and development.

#### Colquitz River

- The Colquitz Coalition is made up on 21 groups in the watershed.
- Trail system will be built and improved. Stream restoration will begin this summer
- an outdoor “open house” for the project was held with attendance of over 100 people
- a Streamkeepers course was held in March for local stewards

#### Swan Creek

- Smolt traps are set up at Mike Besler’s property. Only four coho have been caught. More expected with next rainfall event
- In 2013-15, 40 tonnes of rock and gravel were added to the stream by hand. The Capital City Allotment Gardens (CCAG) project was a success.
- Restoration in 2016 will involve building new rock crests, deepening pools, and adding large woody debris and rock to the stream.
- Signage has been posted in the CCAG pertaining to the 2015 project

#### Goward Springs

- planting project behind Camosun Interurban College; water quality

#### Elk Lake

- Victoria Golden Rods and Reels Fishing and Social Club and other lake users want to improve water quality. PSS will do outreach this year if funding received. Need to decrease nutrient inputs. CRD funding will be used to hire a part-time coordinator and a weed harvester.

#### Tetayut Creek

- Water quality monitoring program will continue
- creek loses significant amount of water to agricultural use upstream of Keating Cross road in spite of a spring which comes out of Bear Hill.
- Adam Kerr Park project has been put off once again.

#### Reay Creek and Pond

- sediment core samples collected and analyzed, significant heavy metal contamination found
- pond also high in nutrients; 2004 disturbance led to algal bloom
- smolt traps were installed in 2014 but not used in 2015-16 due to contamination
- There will be restoration involving VAA/Transport Canada and Sidney.

#### Blue Heron

- stream will be enhanced alongside property development in the near future

### **8) Guest Speaker Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party of Canada and Member of Parliament for Saanich, Gulf Islands**

Elizabeth thanked Lin Callow, the rest of the board, PSS staff, members and all attending the meeting. She is happy to have spoken at two AGMs in a row. She is very happy with the work PSS and associated stewardship groups do in the community. She spoke on the current fires in Fort McMurray. Global warming is contributing to natural disasters and needs to be addressed. She has been saying this for years. Elizabeth spoke on LNG and advised us to continue putting pressure to ensure it does not happen. Elizabeth congratulated PSS on a successful year.

### **9) Election of Board of Directors**

Alice Johnson	Grant MacPherson	Mary Haig-Brown	Sheila Irving
Craig Elder	Judith Kirchner	Michael Derry	Tobi Gardner
Denis Coupland	Lin Callow	Newton Hockey	Wendy Wilde
Farrell Boyce	Marjorie Garside	Rick Brand	

**10) New Business/Other**

Lin moved to extend the AGM by 15 minutes. Denis seconded. All were in favour.

- There will be a Steelhead LNG council meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Harold Wolf mentioned that LNG surveyed for the pipeline a couple weeks ago.
- Lin spoke on the oil tank incentive program to get rid of leaking oil storage tanks.

**9) Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.**

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**Peninsula Streams Society**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
 May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Immediately following AGM.

Attendees

Alice Johnson	Judith Kirchner	Michael Derry	Wendy Wilde
Craig Elder	Lin Callow	Newton Hockey	
Denis Coupland	Marjorie Garside	Sheila Irving	
Farrell Boyce	Mary Haig-Brown	Tobi Gardner	

Regrets

Grant MacPherson  
Rick Brand

- 1) Meeting called to order at 5:15pm.
- 2) Election of Executive Committee:

Lin Callow – Chair  
 Tobi Gardner – Vice Chair  
 Newton Hockey – Past Chair  
 Mary Haig-Brown – Secretary  
 Denis Coupland – Treasurer

- 3) Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm

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**Chair’s Report**

Welcome and Introductions – Good afternoon, my name is Lin Callow and as Chair of the Peninsula Streams Society, I am honored to welcome you to our 2016 Annual General Meeting. I know it is a beautiful spring day and we very much appreciate you taking the time to attend our AGM. It means a lot to the executive, board and staff of Peninsula Streams that our members provide not only financial support, but also, so generously volunteer their time to participate in our stream projects, our children’s education programs and society meetings. The Society has a long list of accomplishments since its inception in 2002, and with your ongoing support we look forward to even greater successes in the future!

Last year, the Society saw continued and in some cases increased support from federal, provincial and municipal politicians, several of whom are here today. We greatly, appreciate their help in encouraging all levels of government to take action and enhance regulations to provide protection for salmonid habitat, and to fund our stream projects and education programs. Project and core funding from governments is critical in allowing our staff to continue to manage and carryout the Society’s activities.

I would like to recognize that we are meeting today on the Saanich Traditional Territory of the Tsartlip First Nation, and to note that Peninsula Streams strives to work with and depends on the support of the Peninsula First Nations, in order to achieve our goals.

I would like to thank the Brentwood Bay Resort and Spa management and staff for hosting this function in this beautiful setting and I encourage you take the opportunity to stay after the meeting and enjoy the views from either of the patios at the restaurant or the pub.

Lastly, but most importantly, on behalf of the Executive, the Board and all the members of the Peninsula Streams Society, I would like to thank our incredible staff, who work tirelessly and enthusiastically to promote the Society and to achieve its goals. Francesca, Ian and now Brian are the real driving force behind the Societies success. They prepare numerous funding applications, co-ordinate and manage the Societies programs, encourage and support local stewardship groups, and successfully juggle multiple activities, while meeting the complex reporting and budgeting requirements imposed by funders. Please join me in applauding their dedication and achievements!

2015 was an amazing year for the Peninsula Streams Society. I will only touch on a few of the highlights from last year, as Denis and Ian will provide you with more detailed reports.

I recall last year, Newton's disappointment that he was unable to announce at our AGM, an agreement to move forward with the creation of fish passage at Butchart's dam on Tod Creek. This year, I have the great pleasure to announce, that not only did we achieve an agreement, but also that Ian skillfully worked with Butchart's contractors to complete its construction last fall. I encourage any of you who have not seen it, to do so; it is a very elegant effective design. It is important to recognize the unwavering efforts of Mary Haig-Brown and the Friends of Tod Creek Watershed, who for many years worked to have clear fish passage established in Tod Creek, their efforts and ours have finally been rewarded. With our stocking of Coho in Tod Creek early this year, we look forward to the return of a Coho salmon run, which Gwen Curry in her book on Tod Inlet, indicates was extirpated in the 1930's. In addition, to the fishway project, and despite late funding and significant drainage problems, last fall we were able to completed the first phase of a major channel and drainage enhancement project in the Tod Creek Flats area, which Ian will describe later.

In 2015, we continued to work with the Reay Creek Residents group, to help them press responsible parties to control storm water runoff and decontaminate the sediments of Reay Creek pond. Although, the project has not moved ahead as fast as hoped, progress has been made and we believe that continued pressure on responsible parties by local residents and supporters like MLA Gary Holman, will result in construction and decontamination activities occurring in 2017.

We continued our long-term water quality monitoring programs in the Hagan-Graham and Tetayut Creek watersheds, as well as supporting water quality testing in Swan Creek and Goward Springs. We thank Denis Coupland and his team of dedicated volunteers, who do water quality monitoring rain or shine.

Last fall, we were saddened by the unfortunate passing of Bob Cox, a Peninsula Streams Board Member and lynch pin of the Friends of Swan Creek Watershed. Despite their loss, we are encouraged to see the Swan Creek group is moving ahead with water quality testing, smolt trapping and several instream and riparian projects.

We also succeeded in starting another stream stewardship group, the Friends of the Colquitz River and look forward to supporting them with the help of Saanich staff.

This is the 10th year of our Grade 3 education program, which includes the watershed model, salmon life cycles, and alder tree planting. We have delivered this program to 5000 students, to date, and this month it will again be delivered to 10 schools on the Peninsula. Our Grade 6-7 program, titled Creatures of Habitat, celebrated its 8th year in April and 4300 students have participated. Last fall, we piloted a new Grade 5 program with Deep Cove students, it was well received and is scheduled to continue this year. Ian will provide more details in his report; however, I would like to encourage you to visit our website and view the many teacher endorsements these programs have received, so that you can appreciate how important it is, that we continue to be able to fund these valuable long running programs for Peninsula students.