

October 25, 2017 Comox Valley Accessibility Committee

Present; Marg M., John H., Emily w., Mike Z., Patti M. and Heather C.

Regrets; Al Fraser, Judy N.

Old Business:

1. Miracle Beach - It turns out there is two access points; the access towards the north end is at the boat ramp and there is another to the south end. It will be explored in the early spring. Mike Z. noted there is access to Saratoga Beach from Seaman Rd. Pacific Rim park has beach mats, wooden walkway and a Beach Buggy (funded federally). Goose Spit park is managed by the regional board headed by Doug Demarzo .
2. The Ryan Road corridor and sidewalk is quite complicated with many stakeholders. City of Courtenay and the Ministry of Transport are the major **players and many other more minor players i.e. NIC, health authority, CVRD, and Aquatic Center. There is concern re the Access to Cowichan rd. especially if crossing Ryan Rd. Moved by Heather C. seconded by Emily W. that we support a letter by John to all the key players with our concerns and ideas and asking they co-operate with each other. Passed.** The letter will be done by John and all are invited to give him feedback as requested. Any contact info you have pass to John. Suggested recipients Ronna Rae Leonard, Rick Field, new Operations Manager of DOT, Alysha T.

New Business

1. Emergency Planning and People with Disabilities Howie Siemens is seeking information and input re shelters that are handicap accessible. Inquiring re a list of the disabled. He seems more conscious of problems faced by the handicapped. Heather will invite Howie to a future meeting.
2. Heather made a presentation to a meeting of the local MS group. It was well received but there were no volunteers.
3. Mike Z. gave a report re bus transportation. There will be a review re buses to the hospital in one year. We will see smaller buses when ridership is generally low. This too will be reviewed in a few months. There are now 2 new routes.
4. There has been correspondence with L'Arche Comox Valley.(sorry no real info available).

Next meeting:

Wednesday November 22, 2017 at 12:15