

COMOX VALLEY ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE APRIL 18, 2018

Present: Heather C., Judy N., John H., Rick, and Marg M.

Regrets: Andrea, Patti M., and Mike Z.

Agenda was reviewed and items added.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

- Town of Comox adaptable standards – the planner has not responded and Heather will try to contact her and see if she sets the date we will meet with her even if it is not a regular meeting day.
- Access awareness Day June 3rd. – Emily and Mike not present so item is tabled.
- Local Hero's Award – John and Judy are trying to arrange the picture taking but the studio is not accessible! Seems photographer does not comprehend the problem so will approach the Echo Newspaper to have pictures taken.
- Nymph Falls Accessibility - Judy visited the site and manoeuvred her chair successfully on the trail. The trail will be widened so a truck can get in to pump out the outhouses that are in need of attention. Convenience for truck not accessibility seems to be the priority. Locals are not happy with losing a few trees to widen the path.
- Ryan Rd. Access – The Ministry of Forests Manager feels there may be hope for something to be done. Unfortunately it is now in the hands of the bureaucracy!

NEW BUSINESS

- Miracle Beach Access – tabled
- We have decided to go to the city in June to request that bi-annual meetings between the city and this committee resume with staff to address our concerns. There is a meeting on May 2, 2018. The secretary will write a letter to request such a meeting as well as to ask when the city is planning or handling major projects that perhaps we can scan the plans re accessibility issues before construction begins.
- Courtenay library has always had a problem with their handicap washroom – the door is too heavy and most handicapped persons need help to open the door. We understand there is a security problem re drugs and not everyone

can use keys to open doors. Rebecca Lennox needs an email re situation and Secretary will write.

- Send Kudos to city for washroom by fountain as it is accessible– much appreciated by the handicapped.
- There is a new accessible van in town! Care Medical Transport 250-702-0318. It a local non-emergency medical transportation provider. Will transport to hospices, Dr. appointments, clinics, nursing facilities, airport, dialysis, surgery centers, special engagements. Caremedicaltransport.com
- May Cumberland Parade – our committee has been invited to join the Cumberland Access group in the parade on May 21, 2018.
- **MANY THANKS FROM ALL THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE GO OUT TO JAMES FOR HIS DEDICATED WORK TO KEEP US UP TO DATE ON THE INTERNET. WE ARE GLAD SOME ONE IS VERY COMPUTER LITERATE!!**

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Marg Misener

NEXT MEETING MAY 16TH. Secretary will need a substitute as I am at a 4 day conference.