



GORGETILLICUM

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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2015/2016 Annual Report
GTCA Annual General Meeting
March 31, 2016



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Vision:

A welcoming, walkable community whose diverse citizens engage in creating a sense of place and community pride and focus on the well-being of the neighbourhood as a part of the wider region.



Mission:

The GTCA will build an engaged community through facilitation, communication, celebration and education.

It will:

- create or support attractive and welcoming spaces including centres for community gathering, connections and expression;
- promote quality of life considering physical social, ecological and economic aspects of the neighbourhood; and build a responsive, diverse, collaborative and robust board and association.



AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Minutes from 2015/16 AGM – Motion to Approve

Treasurer's Report – Motion to Approve

President's Remarks

Election of 2016 Board Officers and Directors

Homelessness Discussion

McKenzie Interchange Discussion

Refreshment Break

Special Presentation - Bruce Campbell, Gorge Mudlarker and Treasure Hunter

2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Pearkes Recreation Centre, 7:00 P.M., March 26, 2015

Attendance: 57

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda – moved by Ed Lyons, seconded by Pam Loadman. Approved.
3. Minutes from 2015 AGM – moved by Gabe Epstein, seconded by Harry Lewis. Approved.
4. Remarks by GTCA Vice President Scott Karpes.
Special thanks to outgoing board members Julia Menard and Norma Dowler.
5. Treasurer’s Report – moved by Andrew Wynn-Williams, seconded by Ray Farmer. Approved.
6. Election of 2015 Board Officers and Directors presided over by Ed Lyons
 - President – Rob Wickson – acclaimed
 - Vice-President – Scott Karpes – acclaimed
 - Treasurer – Chris Kask – acclaimed
 - Secretary – Vera Wynn-Williams – acclaimed
 - Membership Secretary – Christine Fedoruk – acclaimed

 - Directors at Large
 - Returning: Katherine Brandt, Gabe Epstein, Trevor Hancock, Pam Loadman, Ray Farmer and Marcus Fedoruk
 - New: Richard Bouchard – nominated by Chris Kask.
8. Presentation of the Sasquatch Award to Harry Lewis

President's Annual Report

Has it been a whole year already? It seems like just last month we held our 2014 AGM. Our members were very pleased to meet our new mayor and rookie councillors and help them get to know us. The Mayor even joined us for beers after. With this kind of support and energy we launched into 2015/16. Every few years the GTCA Board has gone through a renewal as directors' move on and others take their place. The Board's first task following the last AGM was to spend a day helping our newer directors by reviewing our organization and working to bring some focus on how we provide leadership to the goal of building community. After a full day of very interesting work, we now have renewed our Vision and Mission statements that give us direction until a future board brings their perspective. It was a very good start to the year with a strong creative group. We must thank our facilitator, Andrew, for guiding us through the day.

No sooner had we completed our workshop, but we were full into the picnic. July 1st was another spectacular day with very large crowds sharing Gorge Road and all the activities. It was the 17th year and the road was full. The smiling faces all around are the only reward we are seeking and that day we all received bonuses. Thanks to the whole neighbourhood for bringing such warmth and enthusiasm.

It is always grand to enjoy the successes in our community. On the other hand, we also must work to understand the things that worry us as a community. The summer and fall of 2015 will be remembered by some of us for the realization of how many homeless folks were living in our parks. For starters, in a society like ours, to have such a marginalized population is a tragedy. Secondly, we learned about how our municipality's policies for homelessness were less than satisfying. The GTCA Board has been working of drafting some key policy for the District of Saanich to consider. There are many complexities to this issue and the GTCA is fortunate to have one of our directors, Dr. Trevor Hancock leading the way. Again our community is privileged to have resources and skills to bring to this effort. We have worked with the Coalition to End Homelessness and the Social Planning Council but must thank our friend Eko Joshua Goldberg who brought the research together for us. Now that we have this paper, we can also have a broader community conversation. That starts tonight.

We have sent out a discussion paper along with a detailed report prepared by Eko-Joshua Goldberg. The GTCA Board has been asked to move this discussion forward to all the other community associations and Saanich Council. With your support we can help Saanich find a path to helping the homeless members of our community.

The McKenzie Interchange project was announced last summer. While it is clearly a welcomed project, there are a significant amount of complexities to understand, particularly as they might impact our community. The GTCA has been engaged at the highest level, volunteering community expertise through consultations with not only the provincial project team, but communicating with Saanich engineering and planning staff, BC Transit, CRD Planning, local political representatives, and members of our community. Our examinations has resulted in a deep understanding of how this intersection can define how our transportation system will progress in the foreseeable future. This has led to a draft paper for consideration in our deliberations of this project. This draft paper has been forwarded to members and the GTCA Board agenda continues to have this agenda item. Again, it is our intention to engage all those who want to assist us in our efforts.

Every year it seems like something new shows up to challenge us. Derelict boats became an issue earlier in the year. We are pleased that a resolution was achieved in what appears to be a relative short time. However, this year we have also seen further attention brought to the Gorge Watershed which includes all the water that drains into Portage Inlet and the Gorge Waterway. A land slide from a property in Esquimalt has raised concerns about how we are managing this key piece of our natural environment. Our history around the Gorge has been all over the map in terms of sound environmental stewardship. The GTCA is actively involved with the Gorge Waterway Initiatives and is advocating for clear leadership to manage all the intricate issues facing this valuable asset

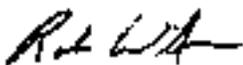
With all the things we are working on that continue from year to year it is sometimes difficult to list everything. Besides the picnic, we hosted Music in the Park in partnership with Saanich Parks and Recreation with the support of the Saanich Heritage Foundation. Rudd Park is a very nice location so hopefully we'll see everyone there on August 23rd this year.

The community gardens are flourishing. It is most impressive not only to see the maturing of an idea, but to see it growing beyond expectations. We must include the various traffic islands and street gardens. Have you noticed all the new trees? We are told there are over 400 new trees so far. Thanks to all especially all of our volunteers especially Pam Loadman, Scott Karpes and Saanich Parks.

Every year at this time, we go through a renewal of sorts with some turnover of board directors. I must say, the folks who serve on the GTCA board a very committed bunch. Everyone provides valuable contributions each in their own way. We have been very fortunate to have Wendy Farwell as a director for the past 3 years and unfortunately Wendy has decided to step down from the board this year. We wish Wendy all the best and thank her for her thoughtful consideration of all the issues we face in our community.

As we move into the next year, the board will have a very full agenda. Not only are the issues discussed above not going away, there always opportunities on the horizon. The property at 574 Walter will be going through changes that will return it to a natural area. The two developments, Amica at Saanich at Admirals and Gorge and the Lasik building at Tillicum and the highway will be nearing completion this year. I suspect we will see other ideas come forward. Meanwhile, we will see you all at the 18th annual Gorge Canada Day Picnic or Music in Rudd Park in August.

Cheers,

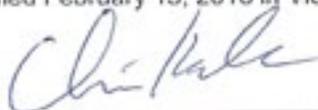


Rob Wickson
President

Gorge Tillicum Community Association
Income Statement
For the year ended December 31st

	2015	2014
REVENUES		
Municipal Government Grant Revenue	\$ 14,149.00	\$ 29,094.00
Provincial Government Grant Revenue	2,500.00	-
Federal Government Grant Revenue	-	2,200.00
Total Government Grant Revenue	16,649.00	31,294.00
Membership Fee Revenue - Individual	885.00	960.00
Membership Fee Revenue - Business	125.00	100.00
Donation Revenue	6,098.00	4,392.90
Donations-in-kind Revenue	270.00	650.00
Grant Revenue	1,000.00	4,800.00
Advertising Revenue	3,441.66	2,345.01
Sales - Vendor Fees	10,445.41	8,946.14
Sales - Food & Beverage Events	3,761.80	4,130.45
GST/HST Rebate	677.34	1,731.25
Interest Revenue	220.00	295.26
Gardens Membership Fees	590.60	270.00
Gardens Allotment Fees	1,493.20	-
Gardens Special Event Revenues	8,398.00	1,312.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 54,055.01	\$ 61,227.01
EXPENSES		
Advertising Expenses	\$ 138.74	\$ -
Bank Charges & Interest Expense	25.87	21.13
Meetings, AGM, & Retreat Expenses	1,572.71	600.87
Events - Casual Labour Costs	5,304.60	4,780.56
Events - Food & Beverage Expenses	834.46	1,299.04
Events - Materials & Supplies	8,055.18	7,413.28
Events - Performers' Fees	7,018.75	7,875.00
Events - Space Rental	-	25.00
Insurance Expense	700.00	575.00
Licenses & Dues	125.00	40.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	44.80	-
Office Supplies	198.43	206.03
Postage & PO Box Expense	193.21	175.36
Printing Costs - Newsletter	5,375.23	4,825.77
Printing Costs - Other	703.45	1,506.63
Website Expenses	406.72	629.45
Garden - Operational Expenses	8,787.59	-
Garden - Building/Capital Expenses	6,164.31	36,083.25
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 45,649.05	\$ 66,056.37
NET (DEFICIENCY)/INCOME	\$ 8,405.96	\$ (4,829.36)

Certified February 15, 2016 in Victoria, BC:



Chris Kask
GTCA Treasurer



Rob Wickson
GTCA President

**Gorge Tillicum Community Association
Balance Sheet
As at December 31st**

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Chequing Bank Account	\$ 1,027.36	\$ (10.11)
Gaming Bank Account	-	-
Savings Bank Account	9,238.33	24,218.71
GIC Investments	30,000.00	-
Membership Shares Bank Accounts	10.00	10.00
Paypal Account	23.67	80.00
Total Cash	40,299.36	24,298.60
Accounts Receivable	937.34	8,797.42
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 41,236.70	\$ 33,096.02
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 776.56	\$ 195.18
Deferred Revenue	1,048.32	1,894.98
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,824.88	2,090.16
EQUITY		
Unappropriated Surplus	26,005.86	30,835.22
Current (Deficiency)/Earnings	8,405.96	(4,829.36)
	34,411.82	26,005.86
Appropriated Surplus - Art Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL EQUITY	39,411.82	31,005.86
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 41,236.70	\$ 33,096.02

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Chris Kask
GTCA Treasurer



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