

Friends of Garibaldi Park Society January 2021 Meeting

Time 7pm, January 6, 2021

Location Conference via Zoom

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Purpose

Continue discussions of issues relating to the improvement to the accessibility and use of Garibaldi Provincial Park

1. December meeting minutes were approved
2. Rubble Creek Access Update:
 - a. Attended meeting with BC Parks shortly after the December 2020 meeting, BC Parks said they had one-time funding for the winter 2020/2021 season to plow the access road from the highway to the parking lot to provide winter access for users. FOGPS worked together with BCMC, Alpine Club of Canada, VOC and FMCBC to achieve this.
 - b. Update as of January: parking lot not being plowed as consistently as ideally done, it remains to be seen how the rest of the season will go
3. BC Parks Day Pass update from Tom
 - a. Thanks to Josie's research we've arrived at an official position: we don't believe that there should be a day pass system at all

- b. If there was to be one, we have a few ideas of how to best have a day pass system function
 - c. Taryn will circulate the document created by Tom and Josie about the societies position
4. Garibaldi Southwest Amendment
- a. Proposal from Backcountry BC and BCMC suggests change to designation in the southwest area of Garibaldi to allow for new trails and campgrounds. FMCBC is working on a larger response to the proposal, they are asking for our comment/thoughts on the proposal.
 - b. Based on the recent change/new members to our FOGPS, Taryn suggested to dig into the proposal in detail again to really understand our position on it.
 - c. Al added: Mel Turner, retired park planner, has been instrumental in regional planning particularly for Garibaldi Park. He's retired and is a member of the retired parks ex-employees/secretary of that group. He is still very interested in what happens with the park. Al and Taryn suggested for the advocacy committee to have a conversation with him to learn more about the park and the legacy perspective that Mel might be able to share with us.
 - i. **Action Item:** Al to put Mel in touch with Tom and Taryn
 - d. One of the first things that has to be addressed is the fact that the government isn't even thinking about opening a new management document for Garibaldi. We first need to advocate for the government to open a new management plan.
 - e. Tom suggests to have an advocacy meeting specifically designated to discuss the amendment in the future. Meeting details to be included in the newsletter.
5. New Logo Contest and Communication and Events Committee updates
- a. Reshifting focus from logo contest to first gain more social media followers and create more content
 - b. Charmaine and Alyssa to collect archives from Brian. They will scan documents and forward to Alex to be put on the website.
 - c. Brent suggested flooding our IG account with lots of content about the Barrier, Table, geological structures of the area, talk about the volcanoes, ring of fire—all the things that many people don't know about.
 - d. Create a shared Google Drive for us to add images that can be posted on IG, **action item for Megan** to create the drive.
 - e. Monika reminded us to showcase that we are using the plowed road and to share photos
6. Trail Maintenance update from Vanessa
- a. Vanessa met with David Whiteside from BC Parks who has a very positive attitude toward working with us.

- b. David reminded us that the park is split into north (Cheakamus Lake, Pemberton area) and south (Garibaldi Lake, Diamond Head) area. Kevin is the BC Parks lead for the north area. David is the lead for the south area.
- c. Trail maintenance ideas: basic trail clearing, leveling trail surfaces, cleaning out ditches, could do groups of 10 volunteers at a time. If we have experience trail building we could do a session without a ranger.
- d. Friends of Cypress does a trail watch program. Members of our group would be assigned specific areas of a trail and do minor maintenance of a trail (clearing branches, clearing out ditches) and send reports to rangers. Rangers acknowledges that they are quite behind on maintenance
- e. Next steps: David Whiteside will have a meeting with Kevin to discuss expanding FoGPS partnership agreement to cover the north part of the park as well as the south.
- f. We can go into more detail in the trail watch program to figure out how we want to do it
- g. Alpine Club Whistler sometimes works on the lower section of Singing Pass trail. First 5km of trail are outside the park. ACW worked on some bridges in previous years.
- h. Timeline: we need to wait until the snow clears, maybe early in summer 2021 lower elevation areas but August/September would be the major trail work
- i. Next committee meeting is January 12, 2021. Get in touch with Vanessa to get an invite.

7. Document storage

- a. **Action Item:** Megan will take on the storage solutions herself
- b. Once the flash drive and Brians' archive has been explored we will start collecting documents/images to share on IG
- c. Brian and Taryn to look into their old guidebooks to see if there is any content that we can share

8. Expenses

- a. Previously all expenses have been carried by the executive team (primarily Brian)
- b. Expenses:
 - i. To follow the BC Societies Act we need to file annual report to meet our requirement as a society: \$40
 - ii. FMCBMC membership dues: based on organisation size. We need to figure out how to count our membership now. Will we count only the active board members? Currently it's an unknown amount \$8/member. Payment schedule: they send out bill in January and July roughly

- iii. Website fees \$180 annually, with domain having to be renewed Feb 24 2021
- c. Brian mentioned that we don't have insurance or charge membership fees because we have only been running work trips in the past and were covered under liability insurance from the BC Parks waiver that was signed prior to weekend work parties.
- d. We need to figure out a long term funding strategy. Taryn suggested asking for donations initially to cover our costs this year until we figure out our long term funding strategy.
- e. **Action Item:** Taryn to follow up with FMCBC to figure out our exact costs
- f. Long term strategy: eventually we may want to take on charitable status. There is still work required to get there.
- g. **Action Item:** Taryn to write up a *How to Help the Society/Support the Park* section on the website so share with anyone who is interested to help us.
- h. To discuss at next meeting: explore bank accounts/funding
- i. Brent: Friends of Bugaboos example: on the inside of an outhouse door wall have posters about Friends of Bugaboos, call to contribute money, raise awareness posters.

Upcoming Meetings

Advocacy Committee Meeting on Jan 7

Trail Maintenance Committee meeting on Jan 12

Next general monthly meeting Tuesday Feb 2 2021

Meeting adjourned at 8.20pm