

## Friends of Garibaldi Park Society March 2021 Meeting

**Time** 7pm, September 14, 2021

**Location** Conference via Zoom

### In attendance

Taryn Eyton — *president* [taryn.eyton@gmail.com](mailto:taryn.eyton@gmail.com)

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Beckie Sexton - social committee

Allyssa Lacap - social committee chair

Manrico Scremin — ACC Whistler

Al Jenkins - past president

Megan Joycey — *treasurer* [ml.joycey@gmail.com](mailto:ml.joycey@gmail.com)

Emily Freer

Tom Ireland — *advocacy committee chair* [t.e.ireland@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:t.e.ireland@hotmail.co.uk)

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### Purpose

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

1. Approval of [June meeting minutes](#)
2. Rubble Creek parking lot winter plowing funding announcement
  - a. David Whiteside confirmed that funding from BC Parks has been secured for the future winters going forward
3. Rubble Creek 6km junction kiosk replacement project volunteers needed - September 18/19
  - a. Project is going ahead Sept 18/19, material is already on location, camping at Garibaldi Lake ranger cabin is provided
  - b. Old kiosk at 6km junction is being replaced
  - c. looking for minimum of 4 volunteers, ideally a couple of extra volunteers
4. Rubble Creek 6km junction kiosk interpretive sign sub-committee
  - a. We applied for funding to include an interpretive panel on the sign
  - b. Content could include environmental, indigenous info
  - c. We have until March to finish the project

- d. Jag, Emily, Taryn
- 5. Taylor Meadows campground fall closure
  - a. Campground closed until end of October due to negative interactions between people and bears because of improper food storage
  - b. BC Parks has promised to increase ranger presence at Taylor Meadows
  - c. BC Parks wants us to be more involved, talk to hikers on trail as we are seeing things happen
  - d. Currently hikers are allowed to pass through, but being asked not to stop for lunch
- 6. Upcoming AGM Planning
  - a. Need to have an AGM every year in order to remain in good standing under the BC Societies act
  - b. Need to file minutes with the gov, including addresses of all board members
  - c. Need to formalise election terms, defining job descriptions
  - d. Manrico offered support in rewriting bylaws if needed
- 7. Social Media and Events Update - Alyssa
  - a. Going forward it will be great to get more guidance from BC Parks on accurate content for conservation and responsible hiking
- 8. Trail Maintenance Committee Update - Jag
  - a. Faced challenges with volunteer engagement, not getting any responses from our database of volunteers
  - b. Going forward for next year, we will organise a few set days with plenty of time in advance
  - c. Need to streamline communication, there's currently too many channels and no consistency
- 9. Advocacy Committee Update - Tom
  - a. Whistler Blackcomb winter backcountry access: we agreed to endorse a letter from the BCMC, mostly because their approach is most likely to gain traction in this particular situation.
- 10. Website and IT update
  - a. Alex to look into TechSoup apps that are available to us for newsletters
- 11. Treasurer update
  - a. In process of opening a bank account with VanCity
  - b. Taryn proposed **motion**: To open a bank account in the name of the Friends of Garibaldi Park Society. Megan seconded. Motion passed.
- 12. Volunteer data management
  - a. Megan to get started on this

13. Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- a. October General Meeting Tuesday October 5 at 7pm - now a [recurring meeting in Google Meet](#)
- b. Trail Maintenance: tba
- c. Advocacy: Tuesday September 19 at 8pm
- d. Social: tba