



Sechelt Groves Society

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Date: January 4, 2013

Swanson's Ready-Mix Ltd.

Hi Mrs. Swanson,

Here we go again with another wheelchair accessible trail – Monty's Way. This will be the last one I am sure but it is to be a nice one and more level into a more recent forest area but really pretty. It will be a loop from the parking lot back and will be about the same length as the earlier trail – about 480 metres.

You indicated some time ago that you would very generously extend the same super deal to the second trail as the first. That was 4 free trucking trips from Lehigh to the Groves and then from Swanson's 15% off both trucking and material for the rest of the needed material. Since the trail is the same length we will need about the same amount of stuff in total. There is a wrinkle this time so I felt it best to explain in a letter so you are up to speed. The free truck trips you have offered may be partly for Lehigh stuff and partly for some at your place some – confusing!

The District of Sechelt has agreed to put in 8 more parking spots for us and in doing so they will be hauling the forest material away to dump wherever. We do not know how many trips there will be. The trucks will be dead heading back and the DoS has offered that they will pick up material for free on the return trips.

Once again Lehigh has offered 2 free loads of 'road bed' and 2 loads of crusher dust so it makes sense that the DoS offer should go there first. After that they would come to your place for loads of crusher dust. Somehow I cannot picture the DoS having enough dead head trips to come to your place but I just don't know.

I can keep you posted after the DoS project is done but during it a truck might show up for crusher dust for the Grove and it should be charged to our account. Yup! We got a bit more of that Ottawa money to get us through this one.

I hope this letter makes sense to you. Again, thank you very much for your very kind donation to the project and as before we will see you get proper recognition on signage, our website and emails. You're great!

Yours truly,
Sechelt Groves Society

Per:

Bob D'Arcy, President.
cc: By Email Dos.

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BY EMAIL

Date: January 7, 2013

Mayor John Henderson
District of Sechelt

Re: Sechelt Groves Society

Dear John,

I am writing this a bit off the record since in part I need advice or a solution to an upcoming problem – minor for the DoS but of some import to the Society. I apologize for going direct like this but you have shown a personal interest in the Hidden Grove and we always are able to chat nicely.

As in prior years we have applied for a Grant-In-Aid and, of course, are hopeful! The issue is that I do not think a Grant-In-Aid really addresses our situation, particularly in the future. We need something more assured and without annual application. Let me explain.

There is a fairly long standing Formal written agreement between the District at first with a committee of the Sandy Hook Community Association and by transfer, recently, with our Society. When the Heritage Forest obtained Section 56 protection the care of the area was downloaded to the District by the Province. In turn the agreement turned over the care duties to the volunteers in Sandy Hook. With the designation of the Hidden Grove the agreement was further expanded. In short, the Society looks after the limited development and maintenance. (just last month over 50 fallen trees had to be cleared from trails due to wind fall) It is over 180 acres of District recreational land looked after in top notch style with mostly free labour. The largest “park” area in the District, I think.

When the agreement was entered into it was agreed that major decisions would be more or less approved by the Parks Department but they have seen we are quite responsible and have given us a pretty free hand (we still keep them up to date though). The DoS was to provide some insurance. Originally we understood that we were added to the District policy but it turned out nothing was done until it came to my attention about 18 months ago and then a very good policy was taken out at about a \$3,000 cost to the DoS. From time to time the Parks Department and Public Works have helped out some – providing some traffic signs and more notably, providing a lot of help and equipment for the parking lot. We have had one DoS Grant of \$1,000.

All together it is not a huge cost for 10 years of half a section of fine recreation land for all including a large number of tourists so that the B&B Association happily puts out our brochure and as you know, personally, there are even facilities for the physically disabled. So you can see it has been a pretty good deal for the District but even more for the citizens of the Sunshine Coast and even

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more in some ways for the small team of volunteers who gain so much satisfaction out of doing a good deed.

We are finishing up the development of the Groves. We can see ahead: the completion of the second Disability trail by the end of March; installation of new metal signs at all trail intersections; the building of about 3 relatively short connector trails; and, of course, ongoing maintenance of it all. A grant this year of about \$1,000 as applied for will leave us with a little in the bank and all of the projects fully paid for. We managed to raise over \$60,000 in cash and 'in kind' from outside sources (not counting the DoS and mainly off coast) in the last 20 months.

We envisage the Society continuing and keeping up the Groves per the agreements. The volunteers are keen and it seems we always get some replacements as the old boys move on. We see though that as a really active organization there will be some winding down with no highly visible new projects. Nevertheless there will be some ongoing expenses every year. Signs will need replacing and volunteer tools will need fixing. (Not fair if a volunteer breaks his chain saw clearing a tree in the Grove for him to pay for the shop bill, for example.) With some membership fees maybe still drifting in we can see that about \$500 per year plus the ongoing insurance can look after this very large asset of Sechelt.

And so I get to the point! Is there a way the Groves support can be changed from a Grant-In-Aid requiring application each year to a line item in the budget for \$500? We would undertake an annual report of some kind and would advise for an exception in any year where the bank account built up at all. A simple addendum to the agreement might document it.

I have no idea if my idea has merit – I just hope so for the future of the wonderful kept trails in the Groves and the enjoyment of so many Sechelters and tourists.

Thanks so much for your attention and for taking time to read through this submission. I look forward to hearing something good from you in this regard.

Yours respectfully,
Sechelt Groves Society

Per: **R. B. D'Arcy** (Computer Signature)

Robert (Bob) D'Arcy

Bob D'Arcy

From: Bob D'Arcy <rdarcy@dccnet.com>
Sent: December-14-12 1:31 PM
To: Phil Strain (PStrain@sechelt.ca); Perry Schmidt (pschmitt@sechelt.ca)
Cc: Michael Davidson (pacidavi@gmail.com)
Subject: Hidden Grove

Hi Perry and Phil,

I just want to thank you very much for your kind visit to the Grove this morning. Needless to say we are very pleased with your support and look forward to things happening. As I understand it all (and sometimes I get things very wrong):

1. You have a couple of parallel parking signs you can give us or are getting them. We can pick them up when you let us know. No rush.
2. In the spring when the paving crews are out they will pave 6 metres of the entrance from the road back.
3. Starting pretty soon you will clear out and level the parking spots that Michael had marked out including making a couple of his spots wider for 2 cars. Makes a total of 8 new spots plus we will have the two parallel ones on the curve.
4. Since you will be hauling away the dugout stuff then on the trips back the trucks will pick up material from Lehigh and Swanson's and dump it in the bus zone at the Grove.
5. If the trucks are kind of available you might do a few extra trips too but no promises!
6. I have spoken to Lehigh and they confirm that the paperwork is done for the 2 free loads of Road base and 2 free loads of crusher dust and all the trucker has to do is arrive and ask for the stuff and quote that it is the free stuff for the Sechelt Groves Society (Hidden Grove).
7. I will meet with Swanson's next week to set up their efforts but you may or may not be involved there.

Phew! That is a lot of stuff for about a 20 minute meeting and shows just wonderfully efficient we all are!<grin>
If there are any changes I or Michael will let you know and please keep us posted on any at your end.
Thanks again very, very much.

Bob D'Arcy
President, Sechelt Groves Society
<http://secheltgroves.com>

2013 To Do List

DONE

Sorted more or less by priority but must consider being flexible depending on resources

Updated: 22 January 2013

0	Priority	Thing to Do	RBD	MD	Notes
1	constant	Follow-up on Section 56	RBD		Province indicate positive. Name agreed
	Next Major Item	Monty's Way: Volunteer Work installing material – signage installed – rest areas maybe or done with Take It Easy ones later		MD	Target- finish now not later than Feb. 28
		Extended parking compacted when compactor in for Monty's Way and markers installed		MD	Thanks to DoS slots are ready
	Now	New Parking signs obtained – 'buses only' to 'be buses and RVs' – different signage along back route to show new spots		MD	DoS have indicated some free but may have to order a couple
		Some rest areas and benches along Take It Easy maybe Monty's Way too. 3 ordered Benches installed.		MD	Need construction. Installation
		Approach DoS to change grant status for permanence	RBD		
		Sign at open area near logging on Green Trail	RBD		Dave Lasser to contribute wording – RBD remind
		All main route maps replaced to reflect new trails and results of recent survey of post material	RBD	MD	Maps printed and ready to install
		- Do Vital metal signs now SHF as test After test consider more as trails are done	RBD	MD	Signs made – need installation
		Review Start Main Trail post and Move map case position to an agreed new spot. Maps important to fund raising and service	RBD	MD	
		Major safety work on viewpoint: Just finish up		MD	
		Proposed 3 new trails lay out so maps can be finalized then actual trails made.		MD	
		All main route maps replaced by Vital hard ones	RBD	MD	
		2013 fund raising – for finishing (toilet/whatever) - DoS Grant in Aid done. - Membership call out and follow up soon	RBD		When Monty's Way done review need before bugging for more funds.
		Investigate and maybe proceed with Rhodo plantings	RBD		Will write society
	When needed	Revise brochure with new map and accessibility shown well	RBD		Current supply will probably do until used up.
	Maybe	Investigate practical toilet and decide whether to proceed	RBD	MD	Report sort of done – decision to be made and then to Board.

Sent to the current board of the SGS: January 31, 2013

President: Bob D'Arcy

Vice President: Gertrude Pacific

Secretary/Treasurer: Michael Davidson

Directors: Rupert Clark -- Michael Siddall -- Doug Smith-- Mike Sutcliffe -- Gray Waddell

In Attendance by copy of Email: The Trailbuilders and Dave Lasser of the Community Forest.

ONLINE BOARD MEETING (sort of)

With a new year it seems appropriate to call another of our online meetings and I assume we have a quorum. You will note that the Trailbuilders are included in the "audience" which seems appropriate since most everything affects them and is done by them.

There are some specifics to clear with the board.

President's Report

- 1) **Current Financial State** –We have \$8,409 in hand in total divided roughly \$3,400 for general expenses and \$5,069 dedicated to the second Handicap or Monty's Way. This with all bills paid to date including: early machine work, signage and material for Monty's Way; metal replacement signage for all the posts in the Sechelt Heritage Forest, 3 new benches for installation (one is to be reimbursed as donated by a member).

We are in good shape to finish all planned projects but for one possible one that I will detail more below.

- 2) **Future Financial Considerations** – as indicated we have enough on hand to finish most everything and the Groves may be considered "done". There will always be some ongoing expenses:
 - a) Maintenance of all trails will incur costs relating to Trailbuilders tools and some materials
 - b) Signs will be damaged and need replacement

On this basis some membership fees and some small support from outside sources should keep the Groves solvent and functioning. While we have applied to the District for a Grant-in Aid this year of \$1,000 I have also written to the Mayor and received an encouraging response to an alternate proposal. Instead of going for a Grant each year the support of the Groves would be a line item budget figure of \$500 plus continuation of the insurance program. \$500 and membership fees and maybe a special appeal from time to time should keep everything humming.

- 3) **Projects Underway or Nearly Finished** – the website will give you details but current work is:
 - a) Finishing Monty's Way and this is planned for completion by about the end of February, weather and Trailbuilder fatigue allowing. We should have some sort of special opening and more on that later in this report.

- b) Only a small bit to be done in the improvement of access and safety at the Pine Bluff viewpoint. Minor touch up things only. New signage is in place and already receiving compliments.
 - c) All of the map signs on the intersection posts are to be redone and replaced. We are going to go with commercially produced signs this time on aluminium backing much like the signs in the kiosk but of course the right size. The signs for the Sechelt Heritage Forest are done and ready to install when time allows. We will hold off on the rest pending the completion of the few small trails planned so that the maps are up to date.
 - d) Section 56 protection for the Hidden Grove. Recently we heard back from the Provincial Government and while the approval is still a work in progress there they confirmed it is moving forward. We will keep you posted from time to time on this important matter.
- 4) **Membership** – as I write this report membership stands at 46, just one short of the total for 2012. I think we can therefore expect to exceed last year as more memberships dribble in over the year. In fact I have one completed renewal application in hand just awaiting the \$10!
- 5) **Bench Project** – You know we have started a dedicated bench program whereby a bench can be sponsored for \$2,000 including brass plaque. One bench has been committed so far but you can all help by passing the word around if not donating a bench yourself.
- 6) **Parking Lot** – as this is written the additional 8 parking spots are nearly completed thanks to generous free work by the District of Sechelt. And of course the Trailbuilders. Some weekends all parking has been full all day and this should help some. The price of success!
- 7) **Trailbuilders** – we are so lucky to have these guys. It just would not happen without them. It is nice to note that their ranks have grown over the past few months and there are now nine showing up regularly. So many cookies consumed! Thanks so much fellows.
- 8) Other Information of interest**
- a) We now have a cell phone app active that you can load into your phone – see the website for instructions and links.
 - b) We have a Facebook page – not to post much on but so that there is a presence and link to our website. It is what one is supposed to have these days! For you Facebook users go to it and give us a “Like”.
 - c) We have just heard that we will be getting a planting of rare coastal Rhododendrons for the Groves but since these bloom in spring they probably will not be planted for us until the fall.

New Business

- 1) **Toilet Facility** - A decision is needed in regard to this for the Hidden Grove. There have been some folks suggesting such a facility be put in with all sorts of ideas of location. If such a thing goes in it has pretty well been decided that the only spots would be near the parking lot and either the start of the main trail or the Take It Easy Trail. Quite a bit of research has been done including shopping for various types on line and talking to Parks managers of the District

of Sechelt, the SCR D, Powell River and some folks who have been involved in other trail projects. Some advice was:

- a) First type is a simple plastic culvert type – this is the setting of a culver about 3' wide and 6' deep with toilet over it and building around it. The capital cost would be about \$1,500. In addition to usual maintenance this will require pumping out probably 3 times a year at a cost of about \$300 to \$400 each time. This getting into the \$1000 a year for pumping plus regular maintenance and the structure.
- b) Next, the recommended solution is to contract with Star Tec for a 'porta potti'. The toilet is provided free but it would need frequent cleaning and emptying by Star Tec at a cost of about \$35 to \$40 a time. In the busy season this could be weekly as the toilets have little capacity. This recommended since it means paper supply and cleaning of the structure is also done regularly. This could easily get into \$1600 to \$2000 a year.
- c) There are some high end self-composting models costing up to \$3,000 for just the mechanics and then the cost of the building plus some material and maintenance. No one spoken with had any direct experience with these units.
- d) Finally, no matter which unit is chosen there is a list of advice or considerations that all those spoken to were **in chorus on and emphatic**:
 - i) But for the Star Tec option there is ongoing and continuous maintenance in the form of cleaning, replacement of supplies, at a minimum of once a week. Would we have a volunteer for this or do we have to hire someone at additional cost?
 - ii) There is no indication that the wheelchair bound would use any facility. Apparently they plan for outings so have no need. Further, they find any constructed units of such difficulty to use that they are not interested. Two examples of wheelchair facilities up the Coast (Big Fir for one) were cited and in over 5 years it is not believed that any wheelchair bound person has ever used either of them.
 - iii) A big common warning – once you put one in you are committed and it is near impossible to face down the up roar if you decide to take it out. "It is a life time commitment."

As your President I have concluded that this is not a required facility for the Groves and not practical from a finance or volunteer point of view. If at some time in the future the District might be induced to install and maintain a unit then that is another story.

The decision on this cannot be made by your President alone and so I must call upon the Board to Vote by email. PLEASE email your vote using the Reply to All button on this email. We don't ask our Board members to do very much as Board members but once in a while we need you to do something official. SO please be sure and vote.

- 2) **Monty Way Opening** – I am looking for any special thoughts and ideas on what to do for this important opening. Please advise your thoughts but in the meantime one idea that I have batted around with a few:
 - I am proposing a sort of doggie day. The trail is named after a dog, most of the Trailbuilders are doggie guys, and dog owners are big users of the Groves and are a group that is good with their memberships and donations. It would be a departure from the usual dignitary speeches.
 - I have approached the SPCA and suggested they would setup a table with a volunteer and folks could join the SPCA and make a donation for their first walk on Monty's Way. I know it is not a dog trail but it is all about symbolism, doing a good deed and recognizing the dog owner support. I have not heard back from the SPCA as to whether they are interested or not. I will report when I hear.

There would be lots of details to sort out once we have decided on the overall event. **I have NOT committed to any program pending your input so let's have it.**

- 3) **Annual General Meeting** – Yes, March is coming again. Again, I hope someone will volunteer a free meeting room we can use (hint). Would all Board members **please** review their world and confirm that they will stand again as Board members. A more formal announcement of time, place and Board members will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

Reports from Others

Folks there “ain’t none” of these reports but then I did not ask for any! I am sure we all would welcome any comments or suggestions or whatever from any of you. Use the [Reply to All](#) button so everyone sees.

I will be in touch again either just with the Board or all as answers develop and times, etc. are set.

Thank you all for your support.

Bob D’Arcy

Over next two weeks – Responses to questions above

1. **Toilet Facility** – all but one board member thought the hassle would be too much and that the handicap were the least likely to use it. So unless there is a re-submission of this item it will not be pursued.
2. **Overall** – general comments in agreement with the entire agenda above.

Robert D'Arcy

From: Bob D'Arcy <rdarcy@dccnet.com>
Sent: February-01-13 11:47 AM
To: Michael Davidson (pacidavi@gmail.com)
Subject: Perry Schmidt

Summary of today conversation:

1. He offered to pay for the metal signs for the trails but I told him the SHF was done. So he will pay for the rest of them.
2. Some danger trees in the SHF and his crew will tackle them in the next few days. Most on Root Loop but one on Main.
3. Offered to provide expert faller for any trees that look even a bit dicey for the Trailbuilders – safety and insurance. We are just to call him and not go ahead. I confirmed we would as the agreement makes him the boss!
4. He is waiting for call from you as he wants to get and provide signs for the new parking arrangement. I recalled
 - a. Bus and RV
 - b. Parking this side only x 2
 - c. But I don't remember the rest
5. Raved and raved with praise and compliments for everything that has been done and is being done.
6. I mentioned probable 'doggie day' opening in March sometime and he wants to come.
7. He may refer to us for help on maps as in love with ours and the numbering
8. I explained how numbering out of sync right now as in transition from old to new.

I think that is it. All good and just one job for you – that is a change.

Bob

Robert D'Arcy

From: Bob D'Arcy <rdarcy@dccnet.com>
Sent: February-07-13 1:13 PM
To: (board@secheltgroves.com)
Subject: Change in Board of SGS

Hi all SGS Board Members,

It is with regret that I have accepted the loss to our board of Gertrude Pacific who has asked to step down as soon as possible from the board and her position as Vice President. Gertrude has, as you all know, been one of the driving forces behind the preservation and development of the Hidden Grove and before that was THE force behind the saving of the Sechelt Heritage Forest. She will be missed from the board but I am sure she will still lend her advice from time to time to all our efforts.

With the news above I am very pleased to confirm the addition to our board of Jason Herz of SCCA fame. Pending confirmation at our next AGM Jason will fill the position of Vice President, pro tem, and then hopefully for centuries. Please join me in welcoming Jason to our august assembly. <grin> If you want to send it personal his email is hertiger@dccnet.com

Bob D'Arcy
President, Sechelt Groves Society
<http://secheltgroves.com>

Robert D'Arcy

From: Sechelt Groves Society <secheltgroves@eastlink.ca>
Sent: February-11-13 11:09 AM
To: rdarcy@dccnet.com
Subject: Sechelt Grove NEWS

(Sent blind to all current and past members plus some special folks)

February 11, 2013

Hi Robert D'Arcy,

It has been 2 months since we sent out a real newsletter to you all and there is a lot to report so here goes.

- The Trailbuilders have been really going at it, not just working Wednesdays but many days all in a row to get the second accessibility trail - Monty's Way - finished. As of this Saturday the major material placement, smoothing and compacting work was done. There is some cleaning up of bits and pieces to go plus the installation of some signage but otherwise it is done. **THANK YOU SO MUCH, TRAILBUILDERS.**
- We have picked an official opening time for Monty's Way. Mark your calendars to be at the Grove on **Sunday, April 7th at 2 PM** for the special ceremony. It will be for everyone but as well it will be a special "dog day" with all the dog owners encouraged to bring their pets (on leash until after the ceremony, please). We have a super MC; the SPCA will be on hand, and a special ribbon cutting. Lots more detail as we get closer to the date and you can always stay up to date at [the special website page](#).
- You have seen the emails and website detail on our dedicated bench program. We have now bought 5 benches and one is sold with a dedication plaque. You will be able to see the 5 benches in place on the trail opening date to help you decide. One bench will be on the new Monty's Way and the rest on the Take It Easy Trail. Now you can rest as well as walk. We really would like to sell the 4 benches - think about it.
- Special thanks to the District Parks folks who, in January, came in with their machines to make 10 more parking stalls. They cleared the areas and brought in surface material. Our Trailbuilders have smoothed and compacted the new areas and as this is written only new signage and some dividing logs need to go in. The new places are useable now.
- As part of the new parking the District has promised to have the entrance paved for about 10 meters in so we don't have those pot holes. This will be done when general paving is done in the spring.
- Memberships have come in quite well. We now have a few more than last year but still less than our first year. Have you renewed? It is only \$10 and your support helps us get support from others. Oh, and remember doantions over \$10 get tax receipts!
- We will be advising about this year's AGM soon - probably in April so we can report with most major things completed and paid for. Watch for that email.

That's it for now. Don't forget **APRIL 7TH FOR THE MONTY'S WAY OPENING.**

Your Sechelt Groves Society

[\(See lots and keep up to date at our website - just click on this line\)](#)

(If you wish to be removed from our membership or email list please advise by replying to this email with the word REMOVE in the subject line - we hope you don't do it!)



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Date: March 5, 2013



PO Box 172
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Dear Fred & Val Swanson,

I hope you don't mind me saving a postage stamp by emailing this letter and I hope you will print it out in colour anyway!

We just want to thank you formally for all the support in materials and in trucking you have given us over the past year as we built the two accessibility trails and as we accepted your surprise gift of the two benches. It is support from wonderful citizens like you that have made the Groves a reality for the community.

Here is a recent picture of one of the benches installed:



We also hope that you and yours can show up for the opening of the second trail, Monty's Way, on Sunday the 7th of April at 2 PM.

Thank you again,
Sechelt Groves Society

Per: **R. B. D'Arcy** (Computer Signature)

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Robert D'Arcy

From: Sechelt Groves Society <secheltgroves@eastlink.ca>
Sent: March-09-13 10:30 AM
To: rdarcy@dccnet.com
Subject: Sechelt Grove NEWS #11
Attachments: 130213OpeningSign.pdf

(Sent blind to all current and past members plus some special folks)

March 9, 2013

Hi Robert D'Arcy,

There may be more of these emails as the big day approaches for the official opening of the second accessibility trail - Monty's Way. If you are not a frequent visitor to our website (shame!) then some of this will be real news.

- The Big Day is less than a month off and the Trailbuilders are down to the finishing touches. So mark your calendar – **SUNDAY, APRIL 7 at 2 PM** at the Hidden Grove.
- It will be for everyone but as well it will be a special “dog day” with all the dog owners encouraged to bring their pets (on leash until after the ceremony, please). We have a super MC; the SPCA will be on hand, and there will be a special ribbon cutting. See the attached poster in PDF format. These posters will be going up around the community.
- For all you dog lovers we have a new membership class – “Super Dog” and the first registered member is already on the membership list with a picture. Just send in your donation (donations over \$10 get tax receipt) and all the details like a human member and specifically note you dog's name. Submit a picture if you wish. If we get enough we will consider special Grove's dog tags for your special mutt.
- The first of the dedicated benches should be installed in the next week or so. We have 4 benches that will be installed without dedication but are available for you to send in a tax deductible donation for a dedication plaque in the future. These are high quality benches that should last “forever”. Go online for more details.
- A very special thank you to Swanson's Redi-Mix for their very kind donation and delivery of 2 concrete benches. One is installed at the start of the Take It Easy trail so anyone waiting to be picked up for their ride home has a place to sit. The other is right now a bit further in but will be relocated when time permits.
- Memberships are still coming in we are happy to report. As this is written we are up to 57 – within 3 of our first year high. If you have not renewed please do and if you can't remember if you have renewed, the list of current members is on the website for you to check. It is only \$10 and your support helps us get support from others. Oh, and remember, donations over \$10 get tax receipts!

That's it for now. Don't forget **APRIL 7TH FOR THE MONTY'S WAY OPENING.**

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(See lots and keep up to date at our website - [just click on this line - secheltgroves.com](http://secheltgroves.com))

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Robert D'Arcy

From: Robert D'Arcy <rdarcy@dccnet.com>
Sent: March-22-14 1:52 PM
To: GrovesBoard (board@secheltgroves.com)
Subject: AGM Approval - important.
Attachments: 2014AGMminutes.doc; 2014AGMminutes.pdf

OK guys. I need the minutes approved as have to file for the Society's Act, the insurance renewal, and the Bank. Approved I will also send an email out to membership and on the website as it is the latest news for all. Michael has vetted his bit since he was the only one other than me really presenting.

Please hit your reply button and put in the message below:
(just copy it and paste it in the reply area above this message)

I approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Sechelt Groves Society held on March 20, 2014 and as submitted to me as a Board Member by email in Word and PDF format on March 22, 2014.
I also confirm that I approve the current officers continuing in their present positions until the next AGM.
[Your Name]

Thanks,
Bob D'Arcy
President, Sechelt Groves Society
<http://secheltgroves.com>

Robert D'Arcy

From: Sechelt Groves Society <secheltgroves@eastlink.ca>
Sent: March-31-13 9:41 AM
To: rdarcy@dccnet.com
Subject: Groves Trail Opening

(to everyone we can think of - blind - from our data base and then some)

March 31/13

Happy Easter

Hello Robert D'Arcy,

We just had to send a reminder that it is exactly one week from today that Monty's Way is officially opened, **that is APRIL 7 at 2 PM sharp**. We hope you attend this important ceremony – a watershed moment for the Groves. We celebrate the completion of the second accessibility trail in the Hidden Grove.

Since the trail is named for a special canine pet we encourage all the dog owners to bring along their pooches. PLEASE have them on leash to start to avoid utter chaos. Later, when everything is open, they can take advantage of the legal off leash status of the Groves. The SPCA will be on hand for a special part of the program.

Of course we want everyone to attend; especially those who can take full advantage of a wheelchair and walker accessible trail whether with or without a dog. Show your support and celebrate this wonderful accomplishment of our volunteer Trailbuilders.

With the completion of this trail the major projects for the Hidden Grove are done. That does not mean it is all over for the work though. There is a list of things to do:

- 3 new regular walking trails to go in and being worked upon already
- Several bench installations (Remember dedicated benches support the work)
- New metal signs to be installed at every intersection replacing the laminated paper ones.
- Plans to make plant identification markers in some areas
- Investigate some native rhododendron planting areas

And with these items done we will be looking a little farther afield. After all, the exact name is “Sechelt Groves” plural. Watch for exciting announcements.

As always see the latest updates at our website at www.secheltgroves.com and if you have not joined or donated lately, both would be welcomed online or at the opening.

SEE YOU ON SUNDAY THE 7TH

Robert D'Arcy

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April 11, 2013



Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) 2011 Small Projects Call for Proposals Final Report

Organization's name:	Sechelt Groves Society
Project Number:	011078235
Project Title:	Sechelt Groves Handicap Trail

Now that your project activity is finished, you are required to complete a final report. This report will provide us with a better sense of the impact that your project has had in your community.

The information that you provide will enable the Department to compile information on the success of individual projects and report on the effectiveness of the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF). This information will also be considered when departmental officials are determining ways to improve the Program. It is therefore important that you complete this report in its entirety, so that departmental officials can use as much information as possible in order to understand and report on the success of the Program. Please return this completed report to your program officer within 60 days of the end date of your project. Thank you for your assistance.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO RESULTS

1. If your project targeted any of the following sub-groups of people with disabilities, please check off all that apply.

- ~~XXX~~ Ages 65+
- ~~XXX~~ Ages 45-65
- ~~XXX~~ Ages 25-44
- ~~XXX~~ Under age 25
- ~~XXX~~ Aboriginal persons, First Nations, Métis and Inuit
- Low-income persons
- Members of visible minority groups
- Ethno-cultural groups
- Socially or geographically isolated men or women
- Youth-at-risk
- Other, please specify: _____

2. Did your project take place in an area of Quebec where there is an Anglophone community, or in a province or territory other than Quebec where there is a Francophone community?

~~NO~~

3. What results did your project achieve (e.g., change in number of participants using your facility, program and/or service(s); change in number of programs and/or services provided at your facility that are now accessible) and how did you measure those results? In describing the results, explain how the greater accessibility resulting from the project has improved the integration of people with disabilities in your community, and how this integration has contributed to the community.

This was the creation of an Accessibility trail program for a popular forest area in the District of Sechelt. The trails access old growth forest, marshlands, a scenic vista and pristine forest with all local specie of plant life.

Prior to this project only the fit and good walking souls could take advantage of the area but now those in wheelchairs, with walkers, 'moms' with strollers plus those not so fit – seniors – can enjoy a large part of this preserved recreational site.

4. Please indicate below how many people with disabilities will benefit from the improvement(s) as a result of your project. If you do not have exact numbers, please estimate:

Best estimate by District of Sechelt Accessibility Committee – 80 to 90 plus many tourists

5. For whom specifically has your project improved accessibility? Check all that apply:

- People with hearing loss or who are deaf
- People with visual limitations
- XXX People who use a wheelchair or other mobility devices
- People with developmental/intellectual disabilities
- Other, please specify: _____

6. What specific barrier(s) to accessibility did your project remove?

This was is an area through old and very old forest with winding trails over rough terrain and roots and other barriers to mobility devices. The new trails are over 1.5 metres wide, hard surfaced with rest areas including benches for attendants. The maximum slope is less than 5 degrees anywhere.

7. Did you encounter any difficulties and/or make any change(s) from your original project plans (i.e. increased costs, change in activities, builder schedule delayed, etc.)? If yes, please provide details about the situation, how you overcame any challenges and how it impacted your project.

Extreme weather periods not common to the area delayed much of the work but otherwise it progressed more or less as planned.

PROJECT BUDGET

8. In the chart below please identify all support that was made to the project, starting with the funds you received from EAF. Support includes both cash and in-kind contributions. See the notes below for an explanation of in-kind and for how to identify the types of organizations.

Name of Partner/ Contributing Organization	Type of organization ¹	Amount of Cash	\$ Value of In-Kind ²	Description of Use of Funds
Enabling Accessibility Fund	Federal Government	<u>\$12,741.</u>		<u>Cost of equipment and operators, bedding material, benches, signage, replacement volunteer tools</u>
<u>BC ReHab Foundation</u>	<u>Private Contributor</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>		<u>Materials and supplies</u>
<u>SC Community Foundation</u>	<u>Private Contributor</u>	<u>\$2,200</u>		<u>Materials and supplies</u>
<u>Island Coast Trust</u>	<u>Provincial Government</u>	<u>\$6,681</u>		<u>Materials and supplies</u>
<u>TD Friends of the Environment</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>		<u>Materials and supplies</u>
<u>Small World Excavating</u>	<u>Business</u>		<u>\$1,498</u>	<u>Waiver of labour charges</u>
<u>Swanson's Ready-Mix Ltd.</u>	<u>Business</u>		<u>\$1,118.9 6</u>	<u>Donation of benches and material</u>
<u>Lehigh Materials</u>	<u>Business</u>		<u>\$800</u>	<u>Material</u>

SGS Trailbuilders	Volunteers		\$4,440	Labour at \$20/hr
SGS	Our Organization	\$224.74	\$2,000	Overall expenses

¹ Please select from the following types:

- Our organization
- Community groups/not-for-profit organizations
- Businesses
- Municipal Government
- Provincial Government
- Volunteers/private contributors
- Other (please explain)

² In-kind funding is the service, supplies, materials, or other resources that individuals or organizations donated to help your project. Examples of in-kind contributions are:

- A carpenter donated his service to provide assistance with part of the renovation.
- A local supplier provided some building supplies at no cost.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO SOURCES OF FUNDING (OTHER THAN EAF)

9. Please explain how you obtained the non-federal government support for this project?

[Direct appeals to suppliers and use of our own resources in the community](#)

10. How would you describe your experience in obtaining funding from non-federal government sources?

- We had no difficulty
- ~~XXX~~We had some difficulty
- We had a lot of difficulty

11. If you experienced some or a lot of difficulty in obtaining support from sources other than EAF, please describe the challenges you experienced.

[N/A](#)

12. If you experienced no difficulty in obtaining support from sources other than EAF, please describe your experiences and provide examples of what you would consider a best practice.

[First, a personal approach to a principal of a firm works far better than letters and emails. Be sure and invite them to any events involving the project and speak to them at the event.](#)

13. Did you receive any support towards the cost of the project which was not initially identified in your application?

Yes [XXX](#) No

If this additional support allowed you to increase the scope of your project beyond what you had originally planned, please describe how and to what extent.

14. Were any of the partners/contributing organizations (other than your organization) actively involved in the project (e.g. providing advice, helping to oversee the project)?

[XXX](#) Yes No

If yes, please describe how these individuals/organizations were involved in the project and the extent of their involvement.

[Small World Contractors advised on placing of material and different kinds required. Also assisted in survey.](#)

15. Did you establish any new relationships/partnerships as a result of this project?

Yes ~~XXX~~No

If yes, please briefly describe the nature of the relationship/partnership. Was it short-term or will it be ongoing?

16. Please provide "before" photos (if not included with application) and "after" photos.

BEFORE PHOTO(S)



(attach photo(s) h



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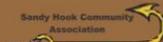
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(at  each photo(s) here)

Thank You

To all those who have contributed to Sechelt Groves projects over the years



Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

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AND some super individuals who put in the personal touch:

- Rupert Clark
- Michael Davidson
- Bob D'Arcy
- Michel Frenette
- Ken Hall
- Jason Herz
- Lou Janke
- Marilyn & Jay Jares
- Mike Lane
- Gertrude Pacific
- Elise Rutland
- Mike Sutcliffe
- Gray Waddell
- Damien Wallbank



You can help too!

- ✓ Join the Sechelt Groves Society - it is only \$10/year
- ✓ Send a Donation—separate or with your membership (Tax deductible receipts sent with donations of \$10 or over) You can do both online

VISIT US ONLINE AT SEHELTTGROVES.COM

THANK YOU.

April meeting

On April 23rd, 2013, a meeting was held at the Seaside Centre for all those on our mailing list, as well as other interested folks. Our goal was to discuss with our colleagues troubling issues at all three levels of government. We began to identify which of those issues ought to be addressed by all of us, and particularly by the Alliance4Democracy.

Because some of you may have missed the meeting, there is a very brief summary below, followed by a more detailed version. We all acknowledge that the erosion of democracy and the threat of climate change are the umbrella issues under which all else is encompassed. The ways to move forward require much planning and coordination amongst ourselves and with other like-minded groups.

(Hershel Frimer's summary) At the Local level we heard about secrecy and the importance of accessing public records to empower ourselves. At the Provincial level we heard about the need for the public to have input on land use planning. At the federal level we heard about disregard for democratic process. At all levels of government there is a lack of public representation. There is a democratic deficit and only the public can change it. We need to do it together and we need to stop believing that we can't. Only together can we be heard...

A4D PUBLIC MEETING NOTES ~ APR 23/13 (recorded by Lynn Chapman)

REPORTING OUT COMMENTS:

Provincial:

- land use planning approach as foundational to inclusive public decision making and giving the broadest public benefit
- importance of upcoming election - increasing participation especially young families; putting questions to candidates and generating real dialogue
- A4D as “umbrella group”

- Notice SCCA Sponsored environmental issues forum May 9th 7:30-9:30pm at □Greencourt □**Federal (1st group)**: □a) Issues of concern:
 - no war;
 - secrecy/in camera meetings - a lack of public discussion, consultation, open public □processes;
 - electoral reform; reform of voting process; should take the money out of electoral □campaigns,
 - strategic voting and cooperation
 - return country to democratic, people-driven, responsive and accountable system environmental focus needed□• right now government is a corporatocracy - corporate over public good □b) Giving public voice:
 - strategies of letters, petitions,etc
 - education, public information sharing, public meetings like this one
 - use on-line media to democratize “the media” and reduce corporate control
 - sharing of on-line change groups e.g. environmental, electoral change balanced with □challenges of information management
 - need for umbrella organization(s) and cooperation with other groups around public □actions and information exchange □c) Role for A4D:□• questions of balancing and focus:□! broad+narrow; inclusive+focussed; local + federal; independence + cooperation; ! individual +

group responsibility; □ • need for umbrella organization(s) like A4D and cooperation with other groups around □ public actions and information exchange ! □ d) Individual and shared responsibility and leadership necessary for A4D to be successful in supporting public voice and democratic action.

A4D PUBLIC MEETING NOTES ~ APR 23/13

Federal (2nd group):

- control of the agenda (by whips) ie party controls agenda too much
 - problems with the first past the post voting system
 - native land claims need resolution
 - representation and voice for people needed - electoral reform and social media
 - importance of collaboration and cooperation to create changes in the public interest
 - A4D's public meetings useful
 - problem of corporate control of public and political agenda
 - need to be aware of how pension money (e.g. CPP) is invested and what it is □ supporting (e.g. Monsanto)
 - the "Rights of Nature" Bylaw a good model/example
- **Local:**
- wastewater problem - accountability of elected officials

- need for training on various democratic processes - some examples: FOIPOP □ requests; appeals to Ombudsman; request for provincial audit
- importance of including youth e.g. using Facebook and other social media to notify of □ public processes and events
- other issues - public transportation, water and watershed; Sechelt Inlet □ **Comments from the Mic:**
- we (members of the public) really need to attend the public meetings of locally elected officials to ensure accountability - a necessary function of keeping democracy □ alive
- young families have a real challenge to attend (public) meetings e.g. time energy □ babysitting busy schedules; need to find ways to include and involve them
- take children to the voting station so they learn the importance of voting
- challenges around finding the times etc of various meetings.. would be nice to have a □ central website - challenges of managing such a website noted and that public bodies □ do advertise in local papers and on their websites.
- Gayle noted the availability of the “Cooperation” letter that people could send to □ minority political parties
- importance of remembering our successes and of not giving up - being a democratic □ activist and standing with others and for others on issues that matter - not measuring success by short term outcomes

Robert D'Arcy

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- We now have 2 dedicated benches installed and they are lovely. Bear this feature of the Groves in mind when you wish to commemorate or celebrate. Take a look at <http://secheltgroves.com/benches.html>
- ALL Dog owners – take a look at the Yellow Ribbon program which we encourage for the Groves. You should be aware of this whether your dog is well behaved or just might run into one that has a bad day. See more by clicking the ‘logo’ on the Home page of our website.
- And speaking of dogs! Remember your dog can join the Society as a Super Dog with a picture and name on the Members List on our website. Just go to the <http://secheltgroves.com/join.html>
- For those who missed the official opening of Monty’s Way you can see pictures and more at <http://secheltgroves.com/access2.html> Thank you to all who turned out and made it a special day. The SPCA were very pleased with the support they received and say thank you too
- Our wonderful volunteer Trailbuilders are working away at some new trails for your pleasure. Get a full report at the AGM.
- Membership is now at its highest since the Society was formed - see http://secheltgroves.com/join/2013Memberlist_Word2.pdf and if you have not joined us or renewed your membership please do now at <http://secheltgroves.com/join.html>

SEE YOU ALL AT THE AGM

On behalf of the Board,
Bob D'Arcy
President
May 3, 2013



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2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

– Glen Bonderud, Chair & President

After the loss in 2011 due to the deferral of cutting there was a real need to repair the balance sheet, the loss of approximately \$182,000 was not something to be repeated. In late 2011 the engineering for Angus Creek was completed and logging initiated in the first quarter of 2012. The area was behind the Hidden Grove trails and in discussions with the Sechelt Groves Society it was decided to create a larger buffer between the logging and the trails. We are now applying for formal recognition of this area under Section 56 of the Forest Act, either by itself or as an addition to the Sechelt Heritage Forest.

The area of the deferral in 2011 is known as EW002, above Roberts Creek near Wilson Creek. In previous years we had done a watershed study of the area, for our tenured area only, and the criticism was that it did not include private lands. SCPI commissioned another study for water and fish habitat that included the private lands above and below the tenured area. The results were presented in August 2012 and are now available on our website. It was a thorough report and we have adopted its recommendations.

Unfortunately, the study was not accepted by all and in the fall of 2012, when we announced we would be commencing operations in this area, protests broke out demanding we cease operations and vacate the area. A proposed park was the main reason for the opposition despite no word from the Ministry of Environment they are considering new parks. One statement going around was we had only 3% of the Sunshine Coast Forest District in parks; however from Howe Sound to Egmont the actual percentage of provincial, regional and municipal parks, wildlife reserves and old growth management areas added up to 20.5% of the land. A report is available on our website which details this finding.

Despite the costs associated with the protests, we have closed 2012 with a stronger balance sheet and are looking to the future with cautious optimism. We operate in a world market and the key markets to watch are the US housing industry and the exports of lumber and logs to China and Japan. Other markets are coming on stream as well, South Korea, Taiwan and India. We see US housing starts recovering slowly but are still only 60% of what may be termed a normal market. Closer to home we continue to support the local industries and would like to see more industry and jobs here on the Sunshine Coast. Only with more industry here can we have a vibrant, healthy and balanced economy.

On a final note, I refer you to page x of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations report State of the World's Forests - 2012 (<http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/i3010e/i3010e.pdf>).

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT
THE SUMMARIZED CONSOLIDATED
STATEMENTS

The accompanying summarized consolidated financial statements of comprehensive income (loss), changes in equity derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of December 31, 2012. We expressed an unmodified opinion in our report dated April 15, 2013, on the summarized consolidated financial statements, and the summarized consolidated financial statements occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those consolidated financial statements.

The summarized consolidated financial statements do not conform to the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards. Reading the summarized consolidated financial statements is not a substitute for reading the audited consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Summarized Consolidated Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the summarized consolidated financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summarized financial statements based on the audit conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 8000, Auditing Financial Statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summarized consolidated financial statements of Sechelt Community Projects Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2012, present fairly the summarized consolidated financial statements.

April 15, 2013
Vancouver, BCChartered Accountants
MacKay LLP

SUMMARIZED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A full copy of our audited financial statements is available on our website.

Summarized Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) and
for the year ended December 31,
Revenues

AGM looks back on profitable, 'divisive' year

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MAY 10, 2013

JOHN GLEESON/STAFF WRITER

Last year was the most profitable since 2007 for the Sunshine Coast Community Forest (SCCF) — but it was not a year that Glen Bonderud wants to see repeated.

"When we did go forward with logging, it was quite stressful for everybody," the SCCF chair and president said shortly after the opening of the group's annual general meeting in Sechelt on May 6. "And I think I got one message from everybody here: let's not do that one again. It's just not the way for the community to be together, and it was quite divisive."



John Gleeson Photo

Community Forest chair and president Glen Bonderud, centre, presents a cheque for \$200,000 to District of Sechelt Mayor John Henderson, left, and

More of article Then:

Several speakers also praised SCCF for its 2012 performance.

Bob D'Arcy, president of the Sechelt Groves Society, thanked the board and staff for helping with the trails and parking lot at Hidden Grove, singling out Lasser for "being a good communicator and being there for us."

Sawmill owner Brian Smart congratulated the board on "a very successful year," calling SCCF "just a really good part of the B.C. industry."

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Unofficial until approved at next AGM

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SECHELT GROVES SOCIETY
Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre
Tuesday, May 13, 2013
Meeting of the Membership and Guests**

- 1) Welcome and Call to Order at 7:08 PM by President D'Arcy. It was noted that a quorum was in attendance – 14 paid up members
- 2) ***Motion to adopt agenda – Moved by Gray Waddell and seconded by Doug Smith, carried***
- 3) ***Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Society – March 27, 2012 – posted on website. Moved by Rupert Clark and seconded by Bula Hess, carried unanimously.***
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--- The newly elected board will be meeting briefly after this meeting to confirm the officers for the coming 2 years

5) **President's Report –**

Again I am lucky to be able to give a good news report once again. We have more members than ever before, we have money in the bank, the accessibility trails have gone in, the other trails are in good shape, a few new trails are nearing completion, and our Trailbuilders have hung in there for it all.

You can see that later in the agenda there will be more detailed reports on specific items.

Before I go into any detail I must acknowledge and thank and compliment the very core of our success. The real work is done by Michael Davidson and his hearty gang of volunteer Trailbuilder members. Michael works untold hard hours himself but I want to also single out those serving on the work parties these past months who have done so much on all the projects. They are: Rupert Clark, Michael Davidson, John Dunne, Ken Hall, Louis Janke, Mike Lane, Tom Melski, Mike Sutcliffe and Damien Wallbank - if I missed someone – forgive me.

I am in no way ignoring the contribution of another dozen or so souls who have done the manual labour over the years but I think very special thanks are due to this recent team. It is amazing the work you have done throughout the Groves. Thank you. Thank you.

Part of the philosophy of the Society board was that we would not burden board members with a bunch of meetings but rather just get the jobs done. We have certainly succeeded in this area as we have managed to avoid having one single actual physical board meeting this past year and only two declared online meetings. I want to assure you all though that this does not mean the board was not functioning. Email is wonderful and we kept in touch and even voted on issues that way throughout the year. There were definite places where the board agreement was needed and the email worked well.

Some of the specifics of the year will be reported on later in this meeting as you can see in the agenda but as the year flowed a lot of other things went on:

- Trail signage was not only improved but expanded throughout all the developed trails. Even government park authorities have complimented us on the quality of the signage and how easy it makes for folks to find their way about. All signs will be the new metal ones soon.
- We have had parties of visitors from afar including 2 bus loads from Edmonton and others individually or in smaller groups from: Finland, Russia, and Holland, Germany, all over the States, the UK and who knows where else. We received a cheque for a Friend membership from Buckingham in the UK.

As I said, much of what there is to report will be covered in specifics later on. To close this report I want to add my thanks to all the membership for their support. You have made it happen.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – I get to present it as I do the function of Secretary/Treasurer so that Michael is free to keep the field work going. Financial Statements were handed out to attendees upon their sign-in at the reception desk and a copy will be appended to the minutes. I hope these are pretty well self-explanatory.

Certainly the official yearend report for 2012 is what it is. You can see that we were able to spend every cent, and then some, of the funds granted to us for the special projects – the two accessibility trails. This is as it should be and the reports have gone in to the generous grant givers as required.

But of maybe more interest is where we are as of this week. You can also see that we are in pretty good shape for carrying on the work which will be described in more detail later.

I would be pleased to try and field any questions on the Finances now.

OK. I, Bob D'Arcy, move the adoption of the 2012 Financial Report as presented. Seconder? Michael Davidson. All in favour, carried unanimously.

A Membership Report I have already mentioned we are at a new high total. That includes 3 lifetime memberships (\$1000) plus for this year; five Gold (\$100) sponsors and 8 Friend (\$50) memberships. Included in the Friends is one new special member a Super Dog membership. We hope to see more of these \$50 specials in the next year. You can see the complete membership list on the website.

Now for some specific Reports on the activities of the Society over past year:

Fund Raising including Membership fees and donations. I have covered the membership bit but would also like to point out here that we have had donors who just sent in donations and did not want to join. In addition along with membership fees many sent a donation and you can see on the financials that to date this year we already have received over \$3600. If that seems like a real big number, well, it does include the donation money for 2 dedicated bench installations. The benches themselves were paid for by the dedicated funds so all the bench money was a donation. In addition members have remitted over \$600 in extras.

And I just have to add that this morning we received a \$200 PayPal donation from North Vancouver and making specific reference to the geocaching in the Groves. So the extra donation are over \$800 now.

In the coming year we are looking at maintenance primarily for the Society directly. There may be things pop up that we might get direct help from the Community Forest or the District plus I am hoping we get an annual line item allocation from the District for about \$500. This would pay for the incidental maintenance costs – fixing tools, replacement signs.

Again, any questions on the membership part of things.

Thank you.

Now I will call on Michael Davidson to give a report on the **Kiosk Installation and the Signs Work**

Davidson - The kiosk was a project that was started for us by the Community Forest and it sat for a bit until West Coast Log Homes got it moving. With logs donated by the Community Forest they built the structure and you can go online to see it being installed. Our part was to get engineered foundations built for safety reasons. We were lucky to have a volunteer engineering person called Lyle Seaton to draw up elaborate detailed plans for the foundations. Your Trailbuilders then constructed them according to the specifications. When that was done they put on the metal roof which the Society purchased and were able to use cedar logs salvaged when the parking lot went in and have them milled to proper sizes for the roof beams. A lifetime member donated the bench you see in the Kiosk with the plaque on it.

We have two signs in the kiosk. I made the cedar sign boards and then the actual signs were made by Vital Signs in Roberts Creek. This is the kind of signs to be used now throughout the Groves – eighth of an inch thick with wrapped plastic signage – and they are all installed now in the Heritage Forest. When the final trails are done we will be making the same installations in the Hidden Grove.

D'Arcy - Thank you for that, Michael, but stay ready and please give us a final report on the **Work on Phase 2 of Accessibility Trail (Monty's Way)**

Davidson - This is the trail right behind the kiosk and was a gleam in Bob's eye when we realized we had extra funding from the Federal Government. In the early fall Jason Herz did his work but then we were delayed and that was a good thing. The heavy fall rains revealed areas that were flooding and we had to go back more than once to install culverts. There are now 6 installed. The official opening was just last month.

D'Arcy - Thanks again, Michael, but now how about the **Regular Trail Building**

(Michael passed around a map which may be viewed on the Latest Work page of the Society website and then explained more.) We are reaching saturation after the trails that are noted in black on the map are built. We cannot put trails too close together or you ruin the experience of users being isolated from each other by the topography.

You will note a preponderance of trails near the entrance and there is a special reason. The biggest user group is dog walkers and some are there twice a day. We don't think they want to walk in a ways and turn and come back over the same route over and over so these extra trails give them a variety of "loops" they can make. And, of course, that is true for all others who want to plan different experiences each time they come to the Groves.

(A member then asked about the very lovely bench high up in the Sechelt Heritage Forest and Michael explained how that was installed some years ago in memory of Gertrude Pacific's sister.)

There are 5 trails total to go and the work is going quite fast although we are going slow on the one trail due to rocky areas and maybe the need for steps. Dave Lasser's attention was brought to the new trail 5 that is planned in the extra area that the Community Forest granted us in 2012 by calling a stop to their logging near the edge of the Grove.

D'Arcy - Thanks and lastly for now, Michael, **Any Other construction projects.**

Davidson - OK. At the viewpoint up on Pine Bluff there are proper steps that were done a few months ago. We have a temporary rope to grab when descending part of it. We are going to install a proper railing made of cedar with metal fixtures so you have a sturdy grip when going up one part that is a bit tricky.

As I mentioned the permanent metal signs will be going in. We will have to re-paint many of the mushroom cap trail markers as we found they need to be made rough to hold the paint properly.

We have installed 3 benches now and have 2 in stock ready to go in. We can order more on demand. We also have two concrete benches donated by Swanson's (they just surprised us) and we will be moving the one further into the Grove. On the website there is map of proposed spots for new benches but where a donor wants one will have first consideration.

Long term we are looking at re-planting in many areas with native plants to rid the area of invasive specie.

D'Arcy - Thank you Michael and now my turn for a minute or two. I want to update you **on our work with and relationship with some other organizations.**

First, the Sunshine Coast Community Forest. If you were at the opening of Monty's Way you will have got a feeling things must be pretty good when Dave Lasser of the SCCF was the guest MC. And you would be right. Dave has been a great help all year. The SCCF was a big player in getting the parking lot done and expanded. They are providing expert tree fallers to look after any danger trees that may be spotted, and are always there for advice. During 2012 some folks got upset as they saw logging going on near the power lines but outside the Hidden Grove. In the end it was done so as to not adversely affect the Grove and a big plus, a new large areas was set as permanently preserved and so part of the Hidden Grove although technically outside the boundaries. Lastly, and of super importance, Dave and the SCCF have been helping us with the BC government to obtain Section 56 status for the combined Sechelt Heritage Forest and the Hidden Grove. At last report, the lady in charge of this in Victoria has advanced the

application to the highest level it has to go and allowing for the inertia of government we can expect to obtain this near perpetual protection within a month or two. Thank you Sunshine Coast Community Forest.

Your president recently attended the SCCF AGM and in the question period gave the SCCF a heartfelt thank you. And we received compliments from them at their AGM and in their annual report.

The District of Sechelt continues to support us with a free insurance program and a Grant in Aid in 2012 – we do not know status for this year. The Parks department with Perry Schmidt has been very helpful on the expanded parking and advice. We have been assured that when the paving program for 2013 gets underway the first 10 metres of the entrance to the Hidden grove will be paved to stop those pot holes from cars pulling out on the wet gravel.

Your Hidden Grove folks are working with Sunshine Coast Trails Society to advise and help on the overall coast trails system. We recently met with the director of a new organization mandated by the SCRD to build paths and trails around the lake at Madeira Park. No, we are not going to work there – they just wanted to pick our brains as the Hidden Grove is gaining a real reputation for a job well done.

Moving on to some new business now.

As you can tell the development work on the Hidden Grove is coming to an end. Just as with the Sechelt Heritage Forest the end of the trail building is near. We do not want to overdo the trails or anything when the whole idea is a very natural place for you to walk and enjoy the quiet of the forest and the look of it.

Yes, there will always be maintenance issues with both the forest projects and as Michael mentioned there will be some plant work. The SCCF have proposed some markers to identify plants but we will be approaching that with care so as not to spoil the ambiance of the Groves. SO what next?

Money for the current Groves should not be a problem. In maintenance mode a few hundred dollars each year should cover the costs of fixing tools, replacing a few damaged signs and some new fill here and there – plus maybe a party for the Trailbuilders. The website is free so far, the brochures a sponsored by the B&B association. We would hope that maybe memberships could cover most costs along with a few donations and maybe a bench sale once in a while.

The constitution and mandate of the Society is pretty all encompassing. It reads that, “The purpose(s) of the society (are): To work to preserve, enhance and maintain selected natural recreational areas of Sechelt and its surrounds and in particular, but not limited to, those areas colloquially known as the Sechelt Heritage Forest and the Hidden Grove.” “Selected natural recreation areas of Sechelt” let’s us go pretty far afield if we wish.

I can think of building an easy to use trail on the park land between Skookumchuk Road and Mt. Richardson Road in Sandy Hook much like was done for Deerhorn Park some years ago. Maybe East Porpoise and Tuwanek, both of which have had good supporting members in the Society, have a couple of ideas. I don’t know.

What we do however will depend in a very large part on the Trailbuilders and whether they are keen to carry on and how far afield and it will depend on you, the members – what do you want?

With that I throw it open to the floor for questions, suggestions, and comments, whatever. I am especially keen to hear ideas for the future.

(Member) I have seen it reviewed on the website and talked a bit about and that is an outhouse or porta-potty in the parking area. I wonder if any progress is being made there.

(President) We have been to the board about this and even had one of our online votes where it was unanimous or close that we should not proceed with this. There were several issues and some that pop to mind: the cost, even with the rental porta-pottie they charge by the service call and in a busy summer this could add up to thousands, someone has to volunteer to keep it stocked and above all clean – almost a daily duty, concerns over the appearance so we would need to build a large shelter to hide it and there was more but I forget.

Discussion went on and the range of costs for installation ranging from a couple of thousand for a basic outhouse to over \$10,000 for a high tech solar powered unit was discussed.

The President gave assurance that the matter was still on the list to review again and again.

(Member) I am a regular user of the Groves and have been there when it is full but the next day it is wonderful that there is not a scrap of garbage about. People seem to care.

(Member) On the Edge bike shop seems to be recommending going to the Hidden Grove and some bikers from there are on the handicap trail in spite of the signage. We must speak to On the Edge.

(Lasser) Advised that his special logger is near ready to take down the one hazard tree near the Monty's Way trail.

(Members) Questioned and were advised regarding the BC Power careless logging near the Inlet Road.

(Member) Reiterated the need to continue looking at the toilet matter and it was confirmed this will be done.

The President called for a motion to adjourn – Bula Hess so moved and the meeting was closed at 7:50PM.

The President called for the Elected Board to convene a Board Meeting of May 13, 2013

Minutes of the Board for May 13, 2013.

The meeting was called to order with Directors Bob D'Arcy, Michael Davidson, Michael Sutcliffe, Doug Smith, Rupert Clark and Gray Waddell in attendance Bob D'Arcy as Chair.

1. *Moved by D'Arcy and seconded by Davidson:*

The officers for the 2013-2015 term will be as follows:

- a. President – Bob D'Arcy
- b. Vice President – Gray Waddell (Noted: with no requirement for succeeding to the President position)
- c. Secretary/Treasurer – Michael Davidson

All in favour: Carried unanimously

2. *Moved by D'Arcy and seconded by Davidson*

The signatories for the Society's Royal Bank account from now onward shall be:

1. Bob D'Arcy
2. Michael Davidson
3. Gray Waddell
4. Mike Sutcliffe

All in favour: Carried unanimously.

Everyone thanked everyone for their efforts.

Sutcliffe made a motion for adjournment: Carried unanimously.

Sechelt Groves Society

Fianl 2012 Financial Statement

Last Update **May 14, 2013**

Income

General

Opening Balance January 1/12 was = \$ 3,775.11 \$ 3,775.11

GENERAL INCOME

Annual Memberships	\$420.00	
Memberships held at PayPal	\$0.00	
Over Annuals & Donations	\$1,790.00	
Over Annuals Held at PayPal	\$0.00	
SHCA Donation	\$0.00	
Sales of Goods or usage	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Investment & Interest	\$0.00	
District Grant in Aid	\$1,000.00	
Total	\$3,210.00	\$3,210.00

Handicap

Opening Balance January 1/12 was = \$ 3,000.00 \$ 3,000.00

RESTRICTED GRANT INCOME(Handicap Trail #1)

Island Coast Trust	\$2,466.88	
Island Coast Trust	\$2,333.12	
Island Coast Trust	\$1,881.00	
Handicap #1 to complete	\$35.05	
Total	\$6,716.05	\$6,716.05

RESTRICTED GRANT INCOME(Handicap Trail #2)

Federal Grant	\$12,714.00	
Donation	\$15.00	
Sign Collection	\$209.74	
Total	\$12,938.74	\$12,938.74

TOTAL \$ 29,639.90

Expenses

GENERAL EXPENSES

PayPal Deductions	\$17.79	
Registration (society) costs	\$0.00	
Misc. Groves Materials	\$1,310.66	
Kiosk Installation	\$2,566.54	
Gifts Given	\$163.66	
Licenses and Permits	\$25.00	
Meet and Greet	\$0.00	
Printing, Office, etc.	\$126.52	
Website - domain name 2 years	\$0.00	
Bank Services	\$45.00	
Handicap #1 to complete	\$35.05	
Other	\$0.00	
Total	\$4,290.22	-\$4,290.22

PROJECT EXPENSES(Handicap Trail Phase One)

Davidson for Fuel/Bobcat/Tracked	\$3,147.14	
Swanson's for Material	\$2,355.01	
R. Chamberlin- Roof Wood	\$560.00	
Swanson's for Material	\$630.76	
Davidson for Fuel/Tracked/Compactor	\$1,195.72	
Warren James Trucking	\$246.40	
Davidson - Roofing/Compactor	\$1,413.02	
Tractor and trailer rental: per hour	\$168.00	
Total	\$9,716.05	-\$9,716.05

PROJECT EXPENSES(Handicap Trail Phase Two)

Small World	\$3,920.00	
Signage	\$224.00	
Miscellaneous	\$67.75	
PayPal Expense	\$2.42	
Total	\$4,214.17	-\$4,214.17

-\$18,220.44

YEAR END OVERALL BALANCE December 31, 2012 \$ 11,419.46

IN BANK and YEAR END

Regular Balance----->>	\$2,694.89
Handicap 1 Balance----->>	\$0.00
Handicap 2 Balance----->>	\$8,724.57
Total	\$11,419.46

Sechelt Groves Society

Interim 2013 Financial Statement

Last Update **May 14, 2013**

Income

General

Opening Balance January 1/13 \$2,694.89

GENERAL INCOME

Annual Memberships	\$510.00	
Memberships held at PayPal	\$0.00	
Over Annuals & Donations	\$3,653.39	
Over Annuals Held at PayPal	\$200.00	
SHCA Donation	\$0.00	
Sales of Goods or usage	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$10.00	
Investment & Interest	\$0.00	
District Grant in Aid?	\$0.00	
0	\$0.00	

Total \$4,373.39 \$4,373.39

Handicap

Opening Balance January 1/13 \$8,724.57

<u>RESTRICTED GRANT INCOME (Handicap Trail #2)</u>		
Held at PayPal	\$0.00	
0	\$0.00	
0	\$0.00	
0	\$0.00	
0	\$0.00	

Total \$0.00 \$0.00

\$15,792.85

Expenses

GENERAL EXPENSES

PayPal Deductions	\$66.43	
Registration (society) costs	\$0.00	
Misc. Groves Materials	\$516.43	
Gifts Given	\$0.00	
Licenses and Permits	\$0.00	
Meet and Greet	\$0.00	
Printing, Office, etc.	\$491.21	
Website - domain name 2 years	\$0.00	
Bank Services	\$18.89	
Plaques and Benches	\$282.47	

Total \$1,375.43 \$1,375.43

PROJECT EXPENSES (Handicap Trail Phase Two)

Compactor	\$537.60	
Big Bobcat-fuel	\$1,643.99	
Road Bed and C`	\$1,355.77	
Culverts and installations	\$193.51	
Benches for Rest Areas	\$4,542.86	
Tools - Maintenance	\$343.27	
Trailbuilders	\$339.44	
0	\$0.00	

Total \$8,956.44 \$8,956.44

-\$10,331.87

CURRENT BALANCE - May-14-13 \$5,460.98

Approval By Board – via Email as indicated

On 2013-05-14, at 6:05 PM, Robert D'Arcy <rdarcy@dccnet.com> wrote:

OK guys. I need the minutes approved as have to file for the Society's Act, the insurance renewal, and the Bank. Approved I will also send one out to membership and on the website as it is the latest news for all. Michael has vetted his bit since he was the only one other than me really presenting.

So those that were at the AGM please hit your reply button and put in the message below:
(just copy it and paste in in the reply above this message)

I approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Sechelt Groves Society held on May 13, 2013 and as submitted to me as a Board Member by email in Word and PDF format on May 14, 2013 on May 14, 2013.

Thanks,

Bob D'Arcy

President, Sechelt Groves Society

<http://secheltgroves.com>

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Bob D'Arcy

Michael Davidson <pacidavi@gmail.com>

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Michael Davidson

Gray & Heather Waddell <spiderlegs@dccnet.com>

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George Graham Waddell

Rae and Mike Sutcliffe <randm@dccnet.com>

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[Mike Sutcliffe](#)

Rupert Clark <rupertcra@hotmail.com>

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Good meeting Bob,

Cheers from Rupert Clark

Douglas Smith <kdouglass@dccnet.com>

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Cheers, Douglas Smith

Original received emails are on file at the President's and may be viewed or forwarded if needed.



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**2013 Annual Report
BC SOCIETY**

FORM 11
SOCIETY ACT
Section 68

Filed Date and Time: **May 16, 2013 01:27 PM Pacific Time**

ANNUAL REPORT DETAILS

NAME OF SOCIETY

SECHELT GROVES SOCIETY
5866 DEERHORN DRIVE
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SOCIETY INCORPORATION NUMBER

S-0057967

DATE OF INCORPORATION

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DATE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

May 13, 2013

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Robert D'Arcy

From: Robert D'Arcy <rdarcy@dccnet.com>
Sent: May-19-13 11:37 AM
To: 'mail@sctrails.ca'
Subject: PA system
Attachments: 111129PA description.pdf; 111129Receipt for Borrowing PA.pdf

Hi,
With summer coming and more outdoor events it might be timely to remind the trails folks and any other OK forest groups that there is a very good portable PA system available for their free use courtesy of the Sechelt Groves Society.

The unit has been used for the ceremonies opening the trails in the Groves with great affect. It is rechargeable battery powered (good for up to 5 hours) with one wireless microphone and can put out up to 600 watts (loud). It has other connections and it even has an iPod connection if you want to play music or pre-recorded speech that way. Attached is a crude spec sheet (in PDF).

It should be ideal for you if you have any sort of outdoor meeting or event or even for a gathering in a hall where there is no PA available. It weighs about 30 pounds so is easy to transport.

You would be borrowing it and responsible for it while it is in your care. A copy of the proposed contract is attached in PDF.

There would be no charge but any donation to the Groves Society would not be turned down.

To reserve it, either contact me at 604-885-5766 or email me. (rdarcy@dccnet.com)

Bob D'Arcy
President, Sechelt Groves Society
<http://secheltgroves.com>



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Date: May 23, 2013

BY EMAIL

Mr. Ray Parfitt
Director of Development Services
District of Sechelt

Re: Path Allowance

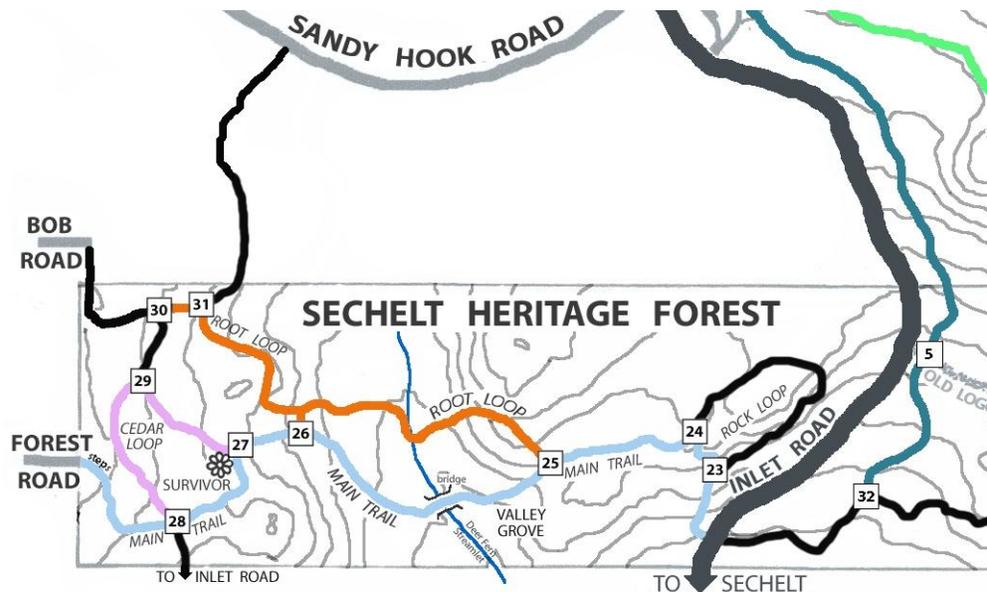
Dear Ray,

I hope you are the right person to write or you will pass this on to whoever is.

A few years ago a property at the end of Bob Road in Sandy Hook was sub-divided. As part or all of its "Parks Allowance" a narrow stretch of land adjacent to 5821 Bob Road was allotted and currently (and forever!) has a path to the Sechelt Heritage Forest. This was a fine addition to the community and we do not believe it imposed any hardship on anyone.

We would like to try and get another similar concession but really do have a clue how to go about it. This is more ambitious but we hope you can advise and help us along.

Referring to this Sechelt Heritage Forest Map you will see a trail going from post 31 to Sandy Hook Road. As near as we can figure on the District lot map this cuts through Lot 15 but maybe real close to the lot line with 3 and 2. We just do not have the maps handy to be more accurate.



What we are hoping for is a narrow protected strip from the Heritage Forest to Sandy Hook Road for a walking trail. It does not absolutely have to be where the current trail runs – hopefully close though. Nothing has been built in the area yet so we are hopeful it is not too late to negotiate something.

We would be happy to meet with you or whoever you delegate at most any time.

We look forward to your response and thank you for your time and attention.

Sechelt Groves Society

Per: **R. B. D'Arcy** (computer signature)

Bob D'Arcy
President

Sechelt Groves Society

From: Sechelt Groves Society <secheltgroves@eastlink.ca>
Sent: June-28-13 3:05 PM
To: 'The Tuwanek Hotel and Spa'
Subject: RE: brochure Hidden Groves
Attachments: 1306BrochureNoBB.pub

Thank you very much for this thought.

I am going to Graphics today by email to get a firm price so that gives time for other generous souls to respond and save the Society the cost. Within reason – space limits – we would happily acknowledge any specific donors to this but the space is limited.

I am attaching a revised version with the B&B Association off and a substitution so you can see the space limitations.

I will get back to you when Graphics does to me.

Thanks again.

Bob

From: The Tuwanek Hotel and Spa [mailto:tuwanekhotel@me.com]
Sent: June-28-13 2:14 PM
To: 'Sechelt Groves Society'
Subject: brochure Hidden Groves
Importance: High

Bob,

I would be happy to support it this year. I'll chat with my counterparts here in Tuwanek and I think we can up with that easily. Our guests love the park.

Let us know what your timing is and when you need info etc by.

Cheers

Chris

www.tuwanekhotel.com

From: Sechelt Groves Society [mailto:secheltgroves@eastlink.ca]
Sent: June 28, 2013 2:00 PM
To: Sechelt Groves Society
Subject: FW: brochure

Hello Mary,

Sorry to receive this considering how many of your members rave about the facility and send guests to it.

We will pay for it ourselves but of course must remove your sponsorship logo from the brochure and website. For the time being it will remain on the kiosk sign at the entrance. I will also advise the membership accordingly.

Maybe another time when you have about \$360 to put to a good charitable cause.

Thanks for listening anyway.

Bob D'Arcy
President, Sechelt Groves Society
<http://secheltgroves.com>
CC(blind) Interested parties.

From: Mary Winn [mailto:marian_s@hotmail.ca]
Sent: June-28-13 12:23 PM
To:]
Subject: brochure

Dear Bob:

I regret that, after discussion with our SCBBCOA Board, we are not in a position to sponsor the Hidden Grove brochure this year. Please feel free to contact us in the future, as situations do change, and it might be something we can consider down the road.

All the best

Mary Winn
SCBBCOA President
Marian's On The Coast, Seaside Retreat
www.mariansonthecoast.com
1-877-889-2635
604-886-9475

Robert D'Arcy

From: Sechelt Groves Society <secheltgroves@eastlink.ca>
Sent: July-19-13 11:14 AM
To: rdarcy@dccnet.com
Subject: Sechelt Groves News #15

(Sent blind to all current and past members plus some special folks)

July 19, 2013

Hi Robert D'Arcy,

It has been 2 months since we sent out a newsletter and there is a lot to report so here goes.

- Please note that from now on we are going to be referencing the NEW map with its revised post designations including many new ones. An up to date version is posted in the kiosk at the Hidden Grove. The maps in the map box are up to date now. You can download one at <http://secheltgroves.com/maps.html>. So, if you have an old brochure or map it would be good to update yourself.
- A supply of new brochures has been printed for distribution at the Visitors' Centre and other tourist places. In the past the B&B Association paid for these but they were not able to this year. Thank you to **The Tuwanek Hotel** for picking up the bill for us this time.
- We have a small supply of old brochures left that are still pretty useful so we will go through those at the camp grounds and such soon.
- **The Trailbuilders** have been really going at it as always. The last of the trails planned for the Hidden Grove are either finished or under construction. Just this Wednesday work was pretty well completed on the trail from the new post #2 on the Take It Easy trail all the way up to Post #12 and #22. It still needs a couple of stairs and some dressing up but is usable. Try it out!
- Visits to the Groves seem to be growing very fast. While we cannot track regular visitors we know that new ones often take a map from the map box at the kiosk. On the July 1st long weekend we went through 78 of those. With summer here we are averaging about 55 a week. Must be good for the local tourist businesses.
- Last Tuesday, the 16th, thanks to the District and, in particular, the new Superintendent of Parks & Public Works, **John Mercer**, you will see the entrance to the Hidden Grove is paved. This will stop those potholes forming from spinning wheels as folks exit.
- A little late (your editor was away) but Sunday, the 21st is Sandy Hook Day and the Community Association has thrown it open to the entire District. There is special mention of touring the Groves as an activity for those who come to the community event with its picnic. You should attend too.
- The bench program is progressing and now there are 3 dedicated benches installed. Have a rest on one and think about maybe donating one yourself. See all the details at <http://secheltgroves.com/benches.html>
- Thank you to the **District of Sechelt** for a \$500 Grant in Aid this year.

- We now have 3 Super Dog forever memberships too. There are many dog walkers using the Groves that might consider one of these for their favorite hound. See also the “The Yellow Dog Project” that might be good for you dog walkers to be familiar with. There is a poster on the bulletin board at the kiosk and you can read more by clicking the link on our Home page.
- Memberships have come in quite well. We now have 79 plus the 3 dogs! You can see an up to date membership list with international members even at http://secheltgroves.com/join/2013Memberlist_Word2.pdf. Have you joined or renewed? It is only \$10 and your support helps us get support from others. Oh, and remember donations over \$10 get tax receipts!

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Your Sechelt Groves Society

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Robert D'Arcy

From: Lou Janke <louisjanke@sympatico.ca>
Sent: August-11-13 8:31 AM
To: workparty@secheltgroves.com
Cc: Marlene Janke
Subject: TRAIL BUILDERS BBQ 2013

Importance: High

The trail builders BBQ shall be held Monday 26 August starting at 4:00 p.m. at the house of John Dunn 6930 Mount Richardson Road.

Rain or shine.

No need to bring anything as all food and drink will be supplied.

Over 65 admitted free. Under 65 Admitted free.

Obviously a free for all.

Please show up promptly on time as each trail builder has agreed to give a presentation on their own cooking skills and tips.

Mike (Davidson) shall be giving an presentation called " You too can change a road bike into a mix master".

Ken will do a short presentation entitled " Yes a shovel can be used as a dessert spoon."

Mike (Sutcliffe) will do an enthralling slide show on "Step stones make great serving platters."

Damien has a really lovely talk on "Using a rake to create delicate cake icing designs."

Tom has stepped up with "How to cook gluten free with a walking stick and hiking boots"

John (Campbell) brings touch of international cooking expertise with "Making Haggis using a hoe and two 5 liter pails."

Mike (Lane) has chipped in with "Preparing tossed salad greens with a pitching wedge and canapés with golf tees."

Rupert will be doing a dazzling spot on " Making vegetable snacks with an axe and a mattock."

Lou will follow up with " Using a trenching spade to add stuffing to meat dishes."

John (Dunn) who is hosting will finish with "Cooking Hawaiian style in a barrow pit with trail building implements"

Bob D'Arcy will be judging the presentations blind folded.

You are encouraged to bring a companion.

Be careful who you choose.

Call me no later than 23 August if you can not make it.

Lou

Louis Janke
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Robert D'Arcy

From: Robert D'Arcy <rdarcy@dccnet.com>
Sent: September-20-13 9:40 AM
To: board@secheltgroves.com
Subject: Sechelt Groves Board Matter

(sent to the board of the Sechelt Groves Society as an online meeting/vote – PLEASE RESPOND for good order)

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IF a new project is agreed and we need funds then we can reopen this based on the project.

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CONCLUSION: Board voted by email unanimously to not apply for 2014

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From: Robert D'Arcy <rdarcy@dccnet.com>
Sent: October-11-13 4:51 PM
To: board@secheltgroves.com
Subject: Conway Donation

Just to let you all know that when I got the 4th vote so a majority I phoned the Sunshine Coast Pet Hospital to advise them of our \$250 and I would deliver tomorrow. They advised that someone came in this morning and paid off the whole bill so no need. She was very nice and said she would pass on that the SGS made the offer. So that ends that little flurry.

Bob D'Arcy
President, Sechelt Groves Society
<http://secheltgroves.com>

I read the news item, and totally agree with your suggestion to donate.

The rest of the Baord

On Oct 11, 2013, at 12:26 PM, Robert D'Arcy <rdarcy@dccnet.com> wrote:

(For Sechelt Board Vote – PLEASE RESPOND SOMETHING))

See this in today's Coast Reporter <http://tinyurl.com/kfl8q9l>

You may recall that Bill was the 'opener' of Monty's Way. We have some funds and are a charitable outfit so MAYBE we should consider helping Bill out. Say \$250 as thanks with a note pointing out how he helped us. Not my decision to make alone and a bit off the wall or a first for us but...

Bob D'Arcy
President, Sechelt Groves Society
<http://secheltgroves.com>

Sechelt Groves Society

From: Sechelt Groves Society <secheltgroves@eastlink.ca>
Sent: October-24-13 10:49 AM
To: 'Transportation Choices'; 'Martin Prestage'
Subject: RE: Bile Rack Program

Thank you and our Michael Davidson will be in touch with Martin today.

Bob D'Arcy
President, Sechelt Groves Society
<http://secheltgroves.com>

From: Transportation Choices [mailto:coasttrac@gmail.com]
Sent: October-24-13 10:01 AM
To: Sechelt Groves Society; Martin Prestage
Subject: Re: Bile Rack Program

Bob -

We have one bike rack still looking for a home, and would be happy to see it go to the Sechelt Groves Society. I've cc'ed TraC Director Martin Prestage on this email; he has the rack at his house in Roberts Creek (aka Up the Creek hostel) and you can be in touch with him re. pick up.

Hope that works,

Tim Howard

On Sun, Sep 15, 2013 at 11:43 AM, Sechelt Groves Society <secheltgroves@eastlink.ca> wrote:

I have reviewed your very interesting bike rack program but found the survey really not suitable or applicable to our needed input.

We are a registered charity with a well-known Sechelt recreational project that is heavily visited by bikers. Bike riding on the recreational trails is not permitted but each week many, many visit the park to walk the trails and as just a destination. A rough on the ground survey shows that about 40% are off coast visitors – many from the Porpoise Bay Provincial Park.

On seeing your program we has an eureka moment and realized that we had not designated areas for bike parking and certainly no racks or lockup facility. We now realize we need such and would like to apply for one or more of the units you have potentially on offer.

I can go into a great deal more detail as you wish but do not know exactly what you are seeking for qualification. Much, much more about us is available on our website at <http://secheltgroves.com>

We would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you very much.

Bob D'Arcy

President, Sechelt Groves Society

<http://secheltgroves.com>



Building a better community for tomorrow. Today.

October 21, 2013

Sechelt Groves Society
Attn.: Robert D'Arcy
5866 Deerhorn Drive
Sechelt, BC V0N 3A4

Dear Robert:

The Sunshine Coast Community Foundation is celebrating our 10th anniversary. During that time we have accumulated over \$3million in assets and have 38 endowments that distribute funds to registered charities on the Sunshine Coast. We have enclosed a brochure providing more information on the Foundation.

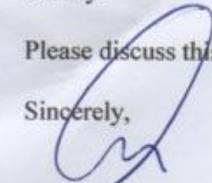
We want to ensure you are aware of the Foundation and would like to discuss how we could assist you in your fund raising efforts. The Sunshine Coast Community Foundation can help you create an endowment that would provide funding on an ongoing basis. With the help of highly respected fund managers, the foundation looks after the day to day investment details and provides distributions to your charity on an annual basis which will ensure the sustainability of the funding. The use of professional managers provides peace of mind for both the charity and donors and leaves your board volunteers free to focus on your mission and goals

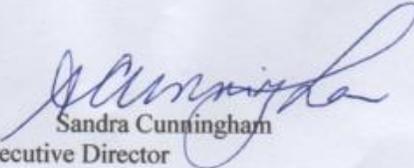
The Sunshine Coast Community Foundation can help the community become aware of the work you have undertaken which can generate more donations both now and in the future as people plan their estates.

We would like the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the feasibility of creating an endowment for your organization, what it would entail, and what the benefits will be for your charity.

Please discuss this with your Board and contact us to determine the best date for a meeting.

Sincerely,


Bill Beamish
Chair, Fund Development Committee


Sandra Cunningham
Executive Director

Encl: Brochure



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Web Site: <http://secheltgroves.com>

Phone: 604-885-5766

Date: October 27, 2013

Sunshine Coast Community Foundation
PO Box 1343
Sechelt, BC
V0N 3A0

Re: Your letter October 21st and Meeting regarding an endowment

Dear Foundation,

Thank you very much for your letter and your invitation to a meeting. We would be pleased to meet anytime but we do not want to use your valuable time when there are other organizations lined up for funds.

At this time the Society has funds in hand for all current projects. We have a small but adequate stream of membership income that covers current day to day expenses. It would not be honest to make any application for additional funds or an endowment now.

In the future our situation might change. Most of our volunteers are seniors and so may drift off. We may take on a new project as allowed under our bylaws and require a fresh infusion of funds. We may wind down to a maintenance level requiring only a substance endowment of about \$500 per annum. We don't know for sure.

We do hope that you will note this letter favourably and in the event that we have a change of circumstances look most favorably on any approach we may make taking into account our directness at this time.

Thank you very much for everything that you do and if we can help you at any time please let us know.

Yours,

Robert D'Arcy
President

cc: Board of SGS by email

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Date: December 3, 2013

District of Sechelt
P.O. Box 129
5797 Cowrie Street, 2nd Floor
Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A0
Attention: Chief Financial Officer

Grant in Aid Report

We are pleased to submit our report for the dispersal of our Grant in Aid funds of \$500 for the year 2013 following the format set out in your requirements:

A. Describe how your grant monies were used.

The 2013 funds were “targeted for the purchase of materials and supply of equipment needed to complete the construction of trails in the area known as the Hidden Groves We are pleased to report as follows:

- a. In April a second wheel chair accessible trail – “Monty’s Way” was finished with a total length of 490 metres.
- b. All trails were completed in the Northern area
- c. Additional short trails providing a variety of “loops” have been completed with two more to be finished.
- d. Regular maintenance of all areas was performed all year.

B. Evaluate the success of your project.

So far total success as everything to date has worked out as planned.

C. An evaluation of the impact on the community.

The best evaluation is shown by the jammed parking areas on nice days. Residents and tourists (estimated at over 150 per week on average assessed by the dispersal of walking maps which are not used by regular residents) have made the Hidden Grove the forest recreational area of choice in the District and to some extent on the Sunshine Coast. Dog walkers are especially pleased. We have had buses of disabled folks using the wheelchair accessible trails along with seniors, mothers with strollers and those using walkers. It just keeps getting better and better.

D. Details (and if possible copies) of public acknowledgements of the District’s contribution to your activities.

- a. See Addendum Item from program for opening of Monty’s Way
- b. Regular notice of and thanks to DoS throughout our website at secheltgroves.com

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E. A financial statement of actual revenue and expenses for the project (where applicable).

See attached

Your records will note that we have not applied for any District Grant for 2014 as we feel that we have sufficient funds on hand at this time to carry on for now. No doubt Public Works and Parks will assist us as needed during the year and we can re- assess for 2015. We hope that our careful care in complying with your requirements and our undying thanks will give us a bit of an edge should we need to apply again.

We are very appreciative of the support of the District of Sechelt on this entire project and look forward to moving on together with new initiatives for this wonderful area of the District.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Bob D'Arcy
President.

Special mention in Opening Program for Monty's Way

The Sechelt Groves Society, originally a committee of the Sandy Hook Community Association, was incorporated in 2011 as a separate charitable organization. It raises funds through memberships, donations and grants to build the network of trails for all to enjoy.

For Monty's Way **extra thanks** goes out to: Swanson's Ready-Mix, Lehigh Materials, District of Sechelt, Small World Excavating, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and, of course, the WONDERFUL volunteer Trailbuilders.



Sechelt Groves Society			
Interim 2013 Financial Statement			
Last Update		December 3, 2013	
Income		General	
		Opening Balance January 1/13 was = \$2,694.89	
<u>GENERAL INCOME</u>			
Annual Memberships		\$690.00	
Memberships held at PayPal		\$0.00	
Over Annuals & Donations		\$8,143.38	
Over Annuals Held at PayPal		\$0.00	
SHCA Donation		\$0.00	
Sales of Goods or usage		\$0.00	
Miscellaneous		\$10.00	
Investment & Interest		\$0.00	
District Grant in Aid?		\$500.00	
0		\$0.00	
	Total	\$9,343.38	\$9,343.38
		Handicap	
		Opening Balance January 1/13 was = \$8,724.57	
<u>RESTRICTED GRANT INCOME(Handicap Trail #2)</u>			
Held at PayPal		\$0.00	
0		\$0.00	
0		\$0.00	
0		\$0.00	
0		\$0.00	
	Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$20,762.84

Expenses					
GENERAL EXPENSES					
PayPal Deductions		\$105.40			
Registration (society) costs		\$0.00			
Misc. Groves Materials		\$1,345.26			
Gifts Given		\$221.36			
Licenses/Permits/Memberships		\$65.00			
Meet and Greet		\$0.00			
Printing, Office, etc.		\$1,079.95			
Website - domain name 2 years		\$0.00			
Bank Services		\$49.66			
Plaques and Benches		\$414.75			
	Total	\$3,281.38		\$3,281.38	
PROJECT EXPENSES(Handicap Trail Phase Two)					
Compactor		\$537.60			
Big Bobcat-fuel		\$1,643.99			
Road Bed and C`		\$1,355.77			
Culverts and installations		\$193.51			
Benches for Rest Areas		\$4,542.86			
Tools - Maintenance		\$343.27			
Trailbuilders		\$339.44			
0		\$0.00			
	Total	\$8,956.44		\$8,956.44	
					-\$12,237.82
	CURRENT BALANCE -	December-03-13			\$8,525.02

Robert D'Arcy

From: Michael Davidson <pacidavi@gmail.com>
Sent: December-08-13 12:15 PM
To: Ron Knight
Cc: Bob D'Arcy; Elise Rudland; harryh@dccnet.com; dlasser@sccf.ca; Trail Builders
Subject: Re: Your Hidden Groves Visit

Hi Ron,
Welcome back to a frosty reality!
Friday, Dec 13th would be fine. We'll be there at 11:45 unless you prefer an earlier time.
We really appreciate your participation in this endeavor.

Michael

On Sat, Dec 7, 2013 at 11:34 AM, Ron Knight <ronaldlknight@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Michael,
I'm back in BC and would be available for the planting around lunchtime on Friday, December 13th. Would that work for you?
Cheers,
Ron Knight

On Thu, Nov 14, 2013 at 3:03 PM, Ron Knight <ronaldlknight@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Michael,
I'm picking up your email from Hanoi and am in SE Asia until Dec. 7. I'm sorry I didn't put my schedule in writing for you so we could have met at Hidden Grove in October. We're on the Coast again in early December, then in Whistler in the middle of the month, then off to the Palm Springs in the New Year. I may have time for the planting in December. I'll contact you when we're back in Canada. If things don't work out this fall, we can easily do the planting in late March.
Cheers,
Ron

On Fri, Nov 15, 2013 at 12:42 AM, Michael Davidson <pacidavi@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Ron,

The cooler, wetter weather has arrived and it's time to schedule a return visit to the Hidden Groves for the actual planting.
Please let us know what day best fits into your schedule.

Michael

On Fri, Jul 19, 2013 at 2:23 PM, Ron Knight <ronaldlknight@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Michael,
That all sounds good. The area in the middle of the parking lot might need a few cedars removed and perhaps a bit of limbing up to give more light.

Cheers,
Ron

On Fri, Jul 19, 2013 at 12:57 PM, Michael Davidson <pacidavi@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Ron -

Thanks for sharing your expertise yesterday in selecting locations for satellite plantings of the Elphinstone rhododendrons in the Hidden Groves. Here's a recap of what I gleaned from your visit:

Three groves are to be established of 3 or more plants each: in the area inside the parking loop; on the 'Take It Easy' trail less than 100m uphill from Sunny's bench and along 'Monty's Way' at the foot of the ridge just past intersection #30.

Trailbuilders will coordinate with Dave Lasser in removing cedars and possibly creating a small clearing at the Take It Easy site.

Planting will take place once the fall rains have established themselves - most likely after Halloween. Trailbuilders and possibly Harry Hill will assist. Plants prefer slight hollows and moss cover and no amendment. Stay away from cedar trees.

Follow up watering next summer [and beyond as directed by you] will be the responsibility of the Trailbuilders. Frequency would be once a week during dry periods.

Thanks again,

Michael [Davidson]

Hidden Grove Night before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas and all through Hidden Grove
Not a creature was stirring, it was quiet by jove
The weather was delightful the forest smell sweet
Exploring Grove trails is always a treat

I went over to the kiosk to peruse the Grove map
While I pulled on my gloves and snugged down my cap
Then me in my walking boots and hiking poles from the Mec
Made off on another Hidden Grove trek

When off in the distance there arose such a clatter
I rushed down Monty's Way to see what was the matter
Away up the trail I flew like a flash
When off to my right I heard a loud crash

The moon shining on the mosses and the rain forest trees
Added a luster to everything that made it easier to see
When what to my wonderment did appear in my sight
But a bunch of old men working feverishly in the night

All were so intent on their task it did seem
I knew in a moment it was the trail building team
One stood so tall with his beard and lean frame
As he cajoled and shouted and called them by name

Now Lou! now Rupert! now Sparky and Ken!
On Jim! on Mike! on Jocko and Damien!
To the challenge at hand let us not stall
Let's clear a trail, clear a trail, clear a trail all

As all good volunteers that one needs not ask
When they meet with an obstacle they rise to the task
So on up the new trail the builders they flew
With their buckets and shovels and wheel barrow too

And then in a twinkling they disappeared from sight
So off I followed them into the night
As I glanced up the trail which was breaking new ground
I heard a distinctive digging sound

The one called Ken was deep down in a pit
Clothes soiled with grime and covered with grit
He shoveled incessantly never did he go slack
They needed lots of fill to cover the track.

Sparky sang songs while he built steps up ahead
Damien joined in while he raked and leveled the new bed
Mike Davidson went off with Mineral Mike in tow
To decide where next the new trail should go

They went around old stumps as they cleared the new path
They all told stories and shared a good laugh
The ones who are plumper have little round bellies
That shake with their mirth like bowls full of jelly

Jim was quick to help a right energetic trail elf
And I laughed when I watched him in spite of myself
In the wink of an eye there Jocko was at hand
To give the trail that touch to make it grand

Lou spoke not a word, as he searched with his spade
For more sources of fill to level the grade
All the builders suddenly stopped and quickly they rose
They heard me move, it was the rustle of my clothes

Mike sprang to the wheel barrow, to his team gave a whistle
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle
But I heard them all exclaim as they vanished from sight

“Happy hiking to all and to all a Good Night”.

–Lou Janke

Bench Dedication/Donation Program (order form at bottom of page)

Why Donate a Bench

Through our bench program friends and families can create a salutation or dedication by placing a public bench on one of the Groves' pathways or trails. Each bench carries a different story through the words engraved on the attached bronze plaque.

The benches are an attractive and useful addition to our trails providing a place for visitors to rest and to contemplate the beauty of the Groves. They are much appreciated by the many that visit and use Sechelt Groves' pathways every day.

The benches are donations to the Groves and therefore **qualify for an income tax receipt**. The donation goes directly to the Society and it spends part of the donation to: purchase a bench including delivery and tax; the plaque and its engraving and installation. Any remainder (about 25%) remains to assist in paying overall annual costs for the Groves development and maintenance.

At the \$1,500 donation level according to the government website (2012) this is a Federal tax credit of \$407.00 and a BC Credit of \$201.00 for a total of \$608.00.

Benches

The current design is known as a St. James Park bench and is of commercial quality manufactured from low upkeep recycled plastic which appears to be wood. It is rot proof and very strong. If we see a need to change suppliers then there may be a change in the bench design but in such an event we will advise you before any charges are incurred.

Current Bench – 5 foot St. James Park Bench (2012)



Plaque wording

The wording used on any plaque is subject to Society approval. We wish to discourage a cemetery type feeling in the Groves and therefore will not be keen on wordings that emphasize a "dearly departed" or similar. Try to be original and uplifting.

Plaques are 2 3/4 inches high but almost any length to mount Routed into the top horizontal rail. It will easily hold several lines of text and if laid out right can include different sizes of text in bronze print. Since width is not an issue it is common to have a top line centred in largest type and then a lower lines in slightly small type saying a lot more. They look really nice! We will be happy to do a mock-up for you before you order. After the order goes in you will be sent a proof to approve. We will consider a request for a different size but it is subject to our approval and will probably incur an increased charge and some installation problems making it susceptible to vandals.

Plaques can also include a bronze casting or picture at extra cost but contact us for details as there are requirements for the format of the picture or drawing.

Bench Cost

It costs \$1,500 to sponsor a bench for a minimum of 10 years. After 10 years, there may or may not be a renewal charge but we cannot confirm any policy that far down the road. As a volunteer organization we cannot commit to how volunteers may be working then. Maybe the Groves will have a different status as public parks or preserved some other way.

Before any payment is processed we will confirm all details including the location and give you a chance to withdraw or amend your details.

Bench Placement and Number of Benches Allowed

The Society has chosen where it feels benches are appropriate and set out its priorities. You may choose any spot on the list. As a general rule benches will only be allowed at listed spots but you may make a special application for an alternate that will be subject to Board approval.

Please take special note that the Board may determine that only a limited number of benches may be installed in any one year. Preference will be given to the priority list and on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list may be established subject to deposits from those going on it.

Installation and Bench Maintenance

From the time of the receipt of the donation in full it may take approximately 10-12 weeks to complete the installation of a bench (supply, weather and workparty availability are factors).

Our volunteer workparty will do their utmost to keep 'your' bench in good shape including what refurbishing we can do and fixing any placement problems but unfortunately as a completely volunteer group with limited funds we cannot offer any warranty or guarantee beyond that we might get from the supplier of the bench. We will do our very best for you.

Tax Receipts

All donations are to be made out to the Sechelt Groves Society in advance of our placing orders for benches and plaques. More than one person can donate to a bench.

- Individual tax receipts can be issued for donations of \$20.00 or more to the donor whose name and address appears on the cheque. Of course, all individual donations must total to the full cost of a bench.
- Cash donations can also be tax receipted when accompanied by the donor name and address.
- Online donations may only be issued to the person who appears on the online donation form on our website.
- We can accept Interac e-Transfer Service at our regular email address – secheltgroves@eastlink.ca

READY – It is easy

Choose a bench location from the list – [see fourth page here](#)

AND THEN

Order your Bench now! Use our online order form by clicking here

OR

Fill in the form on the next page and **send it in with your payment.**

EMAIL HERE

Post Address: Sechelt Groves Society, c/o 5866 Deerhorn Drive, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A4

Sechelt Groves Bench Order Form

Your Name _____

Your Address in full _____

(Note: unless advised otherwise and with the financial medium in proper order this will be the name and address used for any tax receipt)

Your Phone #: _____

Your email address: _____

I wish to donate the funds for 1 (one) dedicated bench in the Sechelt Groves.

My first choice for the location is: _____

Second choice if first not available: _____

I have another choice not on the list and will submit it by a note with this form for a decision by the Society.

Wording for plaque: Can be up to 5 lines but fewer lines may look less crowded to you. The makers of the plaques are professionals who will adjust the font and text size appropriately.

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

More Lines and Any Special Comments or instructions(Use separate sheet if needed)

Date: _____

Signature

Bench Location List as of December 10/12

Crossed out denotes **TAKEN** so choose another.

~~One~~ - Two - Three on the Take it Easy Wheelchair Trail

One - Two in the Ancient Grove alongside the 'terminus' area,

One - at the Lonely Giant and

One - at the Pine Bluff Viewpoint (above the mystery bench)

