

WBPS Minutes
Special Extra-Ordinary Meeting
Thursday April 22, 2010 – 6 p.m.

Sanitation Meeting – Supplementary

Attendance: Don McLean, Rick Fearman , James Loewen, Craig Heale, Chris Rarinca, Geoff Godding, Debbie Shepherd, Jay, Parch Helm, Lance Read, Judy Williams. MV - Richard Wallis

- Please see April 15, 2010 Minutes from previous meeting.
Richard did a review of Patrick's presentation for those who were not at the last meeting.

Chris reviewed notes from previous minutes and provided a rationale for why the crackdown on sanitary facilities and what the historical stance of the Society has been toward structures on the beach:

- UBC identified poo-peeing on the beach as a health issues circa 2007 or 08.
- Long walk from main Trail 6 beach was an issue.

*Chris presented a matrix for board use to evaluate the project based on three objectives (See below) of the Society.

Questions, discussions and clarification ensued.

Pro

Beach level is more environmental in some cases– i.e. closer to pump out
Could be camouflaged with black berry planting.
Current vendor storage is about 20 feet from the start of the large maples' roots
There's already a small natural berm there and a slight valley that cuts back north into the ledge.

Con

Would be on the beach or adjacent to beach level – the WBPS mandate has always been to try to preserve the beach in as nearly a natural state as possible. We were opposed to the vendor's bin, too, but it went in anyway.
Strong case against having concrete structures and tanks on one of the few remaining surf smelt beaches left in BC. Shore Spawners Alliance opposed.
Fears expressed that such structures traditionally opposed at beach level would set a precedent for future structures on the beach including concession stands. Last year's group strongly opposed any concrete washrooms and large-volume waste tanks on the beach or close to it on an erosion-prone dredgeate shelf.

Strong Recommendation

Increase facilities at top to four better units at trail top with better signage encouraging visitors to number 2 pooh at that location.

Show of Hands vote:

The vote was 9 in favour of replacing current ledge toilets in situ.
Lance was only vote for beach toilet in vendor bin locale.

3 Objectives to be used to evaluate beach projects as summarized by Chris Rarinca:

***Major objectives in beach preservation**

1. Prevent development: buildings, roads, infrastructure (running water, sewer electricity), boat moorage facilities, wharfs, etc. either on the beach or visible from the beach.
2. Prevent pollution /contamination whether by waste (garbage), chemicals, engine exhaust, artificial light or noise, either on the beach, on the surrounding waters or coming from adjacent roads and UBC campus.
3. Prevent disturbances of the native flora and fauna and its habitat, whether through intrusive human presence or through activities such as cliff erosion control and remedial works.

Meeting adjourned - **8:35 p.m.**