

Reay Creek Technical Working Group Meeting

June 22, 2018

Attendance: Danielle Wensauer, Transport Canada
Eddie Uyeda, Transport Canada
Barri Rudolph, Capital Regional District
Eymond Toupin, District of North Saanich
Tim Tanton, Town of Sidney
Mike van der Linden, Town of Sidney

Meeting called to order at 10:35am.

No business arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minutes of the November 30, 2017 meeting adopted.

Draft Geotechnical Report

The initial draft of this report was tabled and comments were received from the group. The Town to arrange a meeting with the consultant to provide feedback on the draft report for inclusion in the final version.

Draft Fish and Fish Habitat Assessment Report

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First Nations Discussion

A discussion on the timing of consultation with the local area First Nations peoples. Transport Canada recommended that contact with First Nations should be sooner rather than later. CRD to assist the Town with contact information for the local First Nation groups. The idea of having a First Nation representative as a member of the RCTWG was discussed.

Next Steps

- Town of Sidney update report to Council proposed for an upcoming meeting
- Decision on how to proceed with the pond and dam proposed by August/Sept
- Design/construction and contaminant removal proposed for 2019
- Coordination of the sediment removal by Transport Canada
- Public access & other park improvements to be investigated by the Town
- First nations consultation and technical involvement to be implemented by the RCTWG

Updates

District of North Saanich

- Eaglehurst development is becoming populated. Interest has been expressed by the new residents in a bridge crossing of Reay Creek to access Peter Grant Park and link to the Sidney trail system
- Development of the property on the west side of Lochside Drive, south of the Reay Creek estuary is appearing before the North Saanich Council on Monday, June 25th.

Capital Regional District

- No recent sediment monitoring of Reay Creek, CRD has funding to continue this if necessary

Transport Canada

- Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports are in the process of being finalized and are not yet ready for public release.
- Aquatic effects assessment – different construction options – draft to be forwarded to TWG
- Proposing to request federal funding for the sediment removal in 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.