



MEETING MINUTES

Date:	Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 5:30 pm
Present:	Jennifer White (President), Liam Hall (Vice President), Lauren Ober (Treasurer), Councillor Karen Harper, Mauricio Curbelo, Aiden Watson, Joan Wenman, Colin Newell, Kerri Mitchell, Ryan Butler, Dasha Russell
Regrets:	Genevieve Weber
Guests:	CRD - Amir Hassanpour, Alesha Hayes, Katherine McCann McElhanney Ltd - Kyle Macintosh Island View Land Management - Niall Paltiel Hansbraun Investments Ltd. - Kevin Marquardt, Victoria Shannon Cummer Heritage Consulting - Katie Cummer Saanich Planning - Steffi Sunny

ITEM	NOTES
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>MOVED by Liam and Seconded by Lauren “That the agenda be approved”. CARRIED</p>
2	<p>Previous Meeting Minutes</p> <p>MOVED by Liam and Seconded by Colin “That the minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED</p>
3	<p>Saanich Heritage Application Tracker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Swan Lake and Brett Avenue Trestles (designated) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation by CRD and McElhanney on the Swan Lake and Brett Avenue Trestle project. A Heritage Alteration Permit application has been submitted to Saanich. ○ For the Swan Lake Trestle, it was noted that the existing 1915 timbers holding up the deck are in poor condition and a modern supporting structure is needed for the bridge to accommodate a wider multi-use trail.

- The current proposal is for a steel structure to be installed next to the timbers, with the steel being the load-supporting structure and the timbers remaining for aesthetic and heritage preservation purposes
- The CRD does not plan to maintain/replace the rotting creosote timbers as they degrade, but rather, new elements will be added to shore up the structure as was done in the 1990s.
- The SHF noted some concern that the proposal to “twin” the existing timber structure with a steel one may create visual clutter, diminishing the “wooden trestle” appearance of the bridges. In addition, as the old structure decays, only this steel structure will eventually remain, and the heritage designated structure will no longer exist.
- The SHF would like to see a more wide-ranging set of alternatives from the CRD, such as an entirely new structure that creates a more visually cohesive structure that still evokes memory of the area’s industrial past.
- The SHF would ideally like to be presented with a set of alternatives such as:
 - A design that maximally retains the existing trestle and its appearance and materiality
 - The current proposal
 - An entirely new structure
- For the Brett Avenue Trestle, the SHF supports Option 1 approach (bridge structure) over Option 2 (arch structure), and requests heritage sympathetic style/aesthetics be incorporated into the design where possible as it is further refined.
- ACTION: SHF to respond in writing to Saanich Planning
- 1800 Ferndale ‘Strangewood’ (registered)
 - Presentation provided by Niall Paltiel on the proposal by Hansbraun Investments Ltd. to remove the house from the Saanich Heritage Register in advance of a future redevelopment of the property. It was noted that the current state of the house is poor, and currently not lived in.
 - A comprehensive Statement of Significance has been produced by Cummer Heritage Consulting. Historically, the property has significant history for the community, mainly associated with the gardens and garden structures/hard landscaping. The historical significance of the dwelling is less clear, with many additions over time.
 - Based on the information provided, the Board strongly recommends the landowners obtain heritage designation for the moon gate structure and original metal gates/stone walls along the roadway property edge. This is supported by the clear historical context of the property/gardens in the community over many decades.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ While there is limited historical context for the main house itself, the state of repair is more a reflection on the prioritization of the owners to maintain the dwelling versus other land uses.
4	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board confirmed interest in having a booth at the community engagement section of the GTCA Gorge Canada Day Picnic again for 2026. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACTION: Jennifer to connect with Brandon at GTCA to express interest ● Website updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ACTION: Jennifer to email 48North to update website for current board
5	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As per summary to February 10, 2026 ● Current balances for the accounts are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operating Account: \$2,492.27 ○ Grant Account: \$54,116.33 <p>MOVED by Jennifer and Seconded by Joan “That the Treasurer’s report be received for information”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
6	<p>2025 House Grants (Spring intake)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1140 Tattersall Drive - Jennifer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete - grant has now been issued
7	<p>2025 House Grants (Fall intake)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3251 Harriet Road - Liam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work in progress ● 3390 Maplewood Road - Colin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete, grant has now been issued ● 3710 Craigmillar Ave - Jennifer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete, grant has now been issued ● 4353 West Saanich Road - Liam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work planned to start in spring 2026 ● 4733 West Saanich Road - Genevieve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work planned to start in spring 2026
8	<p>AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2026 AGM to be held immediately following this regular Board meeting.



9	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Table has been shared with the board, summarizes feedback received on proposed activities/focus for this current calendar year● ACTION: All to rank activities, to allow for prioritization and selection for next meeting
10	Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.● The next regular meeting of the SHF will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:30 pm.
