

**G.N.C.C. Meeting**  
**February 26, 2008 - 7:00PM**  
**Volunteer Nanaimo Board Room**

Meeting Notes:

Present: Marjorie Driscoll, Bernie, D., Chris B. - Chair, John vB., Dave B.,  
Traveling: Jim K., Tobi M., Regrets: Keith B.,

\* Marjorie, the Executive Director of the Volunteer Centre was our guest for the evening. She shared information about Volunteer Nanaimo and ways in which V.N. could help the GNCC (and other non-profit organizations) become more viable and effective organizations. V.N. serves as an umbrella organization that can provide resources and expertise to non-profit groups. She talked to us about getting charitable status and a tax number. She listed application criteria and said she could help with the application process if required. She also talked about an alternative in which the GNCC and V.N partner when seeking grants, using the VN tax status.

Marjorie went through the many VN roles. She provided details of how they can provide marketing expertise, help with fund development, help setting up social enterprises and managing volunteer services (there are 35000 volunteers in Nanaimo and 800 organizations.).

VN has access to a funding database, provides space, does workshops, loans equipment, advertises for volunteer help for agencies and provides recognition programs (newspaper spots, luncheons)

She also talked about J.C.P programs (Job Creation Partnership programs) that are supported by Service Canada. The JCP programs allow organizations to hire staff, at the same time as providing work experience and guidance to those hired. A project coordinator can be hired, rent paid, equipment purchased - anything that is seen as a legitimate cost. Smaller projects are approved locally. Marjorie can help with applications for these programs as well. This should be done shortly after April 1, the beginning of the fiscal year.

\* BCCC news.

- Members are asked to respond to the request for routes to be included in the "Soaring Eagle cycle routes"

- Please read and respond to the letter from the BCCC regarding the Island Corridor Foundation.

\* Other.

- We still need to contact Ron Cantelon regarding possible cycling project grants. We need to have closer communication with Nanaimo Parks. Can we be part of a bicycle advisory group to offer input?

- Dave will attend the 7.5 hour Bike to Work Workshop on Saturday, March 1. Anyone may attend

\* Adjourned 9:05PM