

Denman Island Residents Association **Annual General Meeting**,
Community Hall, September 14, 2020

Present: Ron Shepherd (chair), Robert French, Howard Stewart, Andrew Pringle and 7 members

1. Public Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. There was a motion to approve the agenda, moved, seconded and all in favour - PASSED
3. There was a motion to approve minutes from March 9, 2020 - moved, seconded and all in favour - PASSED

4. **Chair Report:**

DIRA hasn't been able to hold regular meetings due to hall closure and COVID precautions. The main purpose for holding the AGM now is to satisfy statutory requirements for all non-profit organizations. Necessities are being done and committees are functioning.

The CVRD has finalized a new emergency evacuation plan which will be presented at the next public meeting.

Residents are required to renew DIRA memberships every year, however due to COVID the board would like to automatically renew 2019 memberships.

There was a motion to renew all 2019 memberships automatically.

A resident asked how many DIRA members are there? The chair said there are about 65 DIRA members.

The motion was seconded, and all voted in favour. PASSED

5. **Recreation Grant:**

After some uncertainty, the CVRD decided to proceed with this year's Rec Grants. Each application was required to explain how the project will take COVID precautions into account.

Jack Forsyth agreed to chair the independent Rec Grant Committee and he selected 2 residents to work on the committee. Advertising was put in the Grapevine and the committee made recommendations which were passed onto the CVRD for approval. DIRA was not involved in the process.

Summary as follows:

DICES (Community Education Society) - Requested \$14,000 - Approved \$11,050

Graham Lake Swim Dock - Requested \$750 - Approved \$750

Parents Advisory Council - Requested \$2,000 - Approved \$2,000

DIRA Community Dock - Requested \$4,200 - Approved \$4,200

Total Approved Recreation Grant for 2020: \$18,000

Note: The CVRD initially reduced the DICES grant by \$7,000 for the outdoor activity centre, until they were satisfied with the viability of this project. It has now been approved.

There was a motion to approve the 2020 Recreation Grant. The motion was seconded and all voted in favour. PASSED

6. **Election of DIRA Board for 2020:**

The current DIRA executive have agreed to continue:

Ron Shepherd,

Robert French,

Andrew Pringle,

Frieda Werden,

Chris Danks, and

Howard Stewart.

The chair called 3 times for nominations for new directors, with no response.

The chair specifically mentioned the lack of younger representation on the board and the need for a more diverse point of view.

There was a motion to approve the current board of directors for another term. The motion was seconded and all voted in favour. PASSED

7. **Waste Management and Bottle Depot Financial Statements:**

The chair of the Waste Management Committee (Bob French) provided handouts and explained the 2019 financial statements for the Recycling Centre and the Bottle Depot.

There was a \$4,200 loss at the recycling centre mainly due to bailer repair, building repairs and wage increases. Total income equals \$96,000 and total expenses equals \$100,200.

There was a \$3,400 surplus at the Bottle Depot. Total income is \$62,800 and total expense is \$59,400.

There was a motion to approve the financial statements as presented, all voted in favour.

PASSED

8. **DIRA Consolidated Financial Statements:**

The DIRA chair provided handouts and explained the 2019 consolidated financial statements. DIRA had a loss of \$30,000 which is almost equal to depreciation for the boat ramp, community dock and old school. That means DIRA is spending almost the same as it is taking as expected for a not for profit organization. The total revenue is \$186,600 and the total expense is \$217,000.

There was a motion to approve the consolidated financial statements as presented, all voted in favour. PASSED

9. **DIRA Committee Reports:**

Community Dock:

The year started very slow but by summer the dock was often full. The Dock Committee is discussing what to do about people who don't pay. A visual of the mooring blocks looks ok however one of the bouys is missing. The surveillance cameras are working again.

Denman West Boat Launch:

The ramp is no longer slippery as there is a good layer of barnacles growing and seaweed doesn't stick to the ramp any more.

Graham Lake Swim Dock:

COVID signs were posted and then stolen. Otherwise no problems to report.

Internet Committee:

The survey and study conducted with Hornby Island is complete and couldn't proceed without any partners. The committee has disbanded.

Parks Committee:

Grass has been mowed in the new Piercy Road park and other work is progressing.

Trails Committee:

As part of the cross island trail the CVRD will soon be installing stairs from the beach to Kirk Road where there is a right-of-way and a trail now. This will enable better ferry access.

Waste Management:

A group of residents is making progress in their plans to reopen the free store under new leadership.

10. **Liaison Reports:**

After BC ferries announced spending cuts, the Ferry Advisory Council encouraged a letter writing campaign. Two of the Hornby council members quit in protest. The proposed cuts have been cancelled.

The Denman/Hornby routes have more discretionary sailings than any other route which puts this route in danger of cuts at any time BC Ferries wants to save money. The discretionary sailings are not shuttle sailing. The Ferry Advisory Council hasn't had a face-to-face meeting in some time.

11. **Resident Concerns:**

One resident commented on the lack of accessibility to the main floor of the old school. Some elderly and handicapped residents find the stairs too hard to manage.

A ramp or lift was suggested and the CVRD Community Fund might be a good option to fund this sort of infrastructure project.

Another resident would like to see a community talk with the RCMP scheduled to discuss traffic concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.