

## **Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting April 19, 2022**

Present: Ron Shepherd (chair), Andrew Pringle, Frieda Werden, and 10 members

### **PART 1**

1. Public meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M.
2. The Recreation Grant Committee is not a committee of DIRA but it is a committee of Denman Island residents which will make recommendations to the CVRD to approve the annual recreation grant. DIRA is responsible to identify 3 members for the committee who will make allocation recommendations to the CVRD.

The Board would like to nominate: Frank Frketich, Tim Fuch and Dennis Lavallo to the Recreation Grant Committee for 2022

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3. The chair called 3 times for other members to assist the committee.

No further nominations were received from the floor.

4. There was a motion to accept Frank Frketich, Tim Fuch and Dennis Lavallo, which was seconded and all voted in favour.

MOTION PASSED

5. Motion to adjourn the public meeting approved at 7:45

MOTION PASSED

### **PART 2**

1. Annual General Meeting called to order at 7:45 P.M.
2. Motion to adopt the agenda - moved, seconded and all in favour - MOTION PASSED

3. Chair Report:

Ron mentioned that over the last 2 years it was difficult to schedule meetings due to COVID, however committees continued to get the work done.

The internet committee started and stopped multiple times, but thanks to their efforts fiber optic cable will soon be laid down across Denman.

The dock committee struggles with difficult issues, collection of fees and damage with only 4 members. More people are needed to help with this committee.

The Parks and Trails Committees have recently installed picnic tables and improved paths in Piercy Park.

A resident suggested that a sign asking people to pick up after their dog would be helpful. Statutory right-of-way has been obtained for part of the gravel pit road to provide access to the provincial park via Park Road, without trespassing on private property.

The Old School Committee involves the old school, the recycling centre and the field. This committee is struggling with significant increases in insurance. DIRA has a long term lease for the buildings from Islands Trust, and fire insurance is a lease requirement.

The long time chair of the Waste Management Committee and board member, Robert French has resigned.

The rest of the current board members have agreed to stay on the board for another year; Ron Shepherd (chair), Andrew Pringle, Frieda Werden, Chris Danks and Howard Stewart.

DIRA needs new board members to represent the community with a diversity of views. Ron asked 3 times for nominations for the DIRA board. There were no new nominations. There was a motion to reappoint the current board members. Everyone voted in favour. MOTION PASSED.

The annual consolidated DIRA financial report is not ready and will be presented at the next general meeting, and emailed to members.

#### 4. **Reports from DIRA COMMITTEES**

Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee:

Inspections by an engineer and carpenter found that the dock has aged to the point where it requires immediate attention, to keep the swimming experience safe and enjoyable. Rotting decks, leaky floats, and rickety stairs need to be replaced or at least repaired. The repair option will cost \$1,500 and the replacement option is estimated to cost between \$15,000 to \$20,000. There is a fundraising campaign now and that will determine the extent of the work that gets done this year.

Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Committee:

This is the newest DIRA committee. The CVRD has completed the emergency plan for Denman Island, which initially relies heavily on residents for immediate help, until assistance from first responders arrives. Denman has been divided into 34 neighbourhoods with a trained coordinator in each. Currently there are only 12 neighbourhood coordinators. There is a serious need for more coordinators.

Trails Committee:

Weekly maintenance is performed on the Cross Island Trail. Funding for the next section has been approved, Owl Crescent south to the ferry, Work may begin this fall.

The Boyle Point Park ridge trail has been moved away from the cliff.

There are 3 battery operated tools which have been used in 2 other work bees in Boyle Point last month.

#### Waste Management:

The bottle depot has a new computer program, Point of Return, which provides digital reports which simplifies the previous reporting requirements.

The donation bins have been moved inside the bottle depot.

Milk and milk substitute containers are now accepted.

Tires are now accepted in recycling. 1,100 have been removed from the island and another 2,300 are waiting to go.

The new garbage contract, with a local provider, seems to be working well.

Motor oil is now accepted.

Used face masks are accepted.

Cigarette butts are now accepted.

Money has been set aside to repair or replace the roof.

#### 5. Liaison Report:

##### Ferry Advisory:

The Denman/Hornby ferry, Kaloke, has a lowered weight limit, meaning fewer cars will be allowed when there are trucks on board. BC Ferries doesn't have any information to share regarding this situation. In addition, BC Ferries said they don't have crews to operate more vessels.

The ferry advisory committee discussed with MLA Jodie Osborne, with a good response.

##### Community Health Care:

The chair of the Denman/Hornby Health Care Society reported that they are not expecting Island Health to renew the home support contract.

The Denman Clinic board is actively looking for new physicians.

There is some hope that the Health Care Society will be designated a Community Health Centre, which would mean more funding and more services. Work is progressing on this with the Ministry of Health.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.