

## **Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting February 13, 2023**

Present: Ron Shepherd; chair, Howard Stewart, Frieda Werden, Andrew Pringle and 18 other residents

1. General Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. Motion to adopt the agenda was moved, seconded and all in favour - MOTION PASSED
3. Motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022 was moved, seconded and all voted in favour - MOTION PASSED

### 4. Chair Comments:

The DIRA board hasn't seen any new members since before COVID (3 years) and it's time to start thinking about new board members. There will be a call for new board members at the AGM in April.

This meeting will be entirely focused on the Community Dock. The current dock replaced a decommissioned federal dock over 12 years ago and was built with a huge amount of resident involvement and fundraising.

The dock is managed by a dock committee of 3 members. The boat launch is a separate committee with 1 member.

The dock is more than a recreational facility. It serves an essential service to the coast guard, medical emergency evacuation, emergency preparedness, and a safe place to tie up in a storm.

The dock committee has to deal with a lot of issues from vandalism, refusal of some boaters to follow the rules, including refusal to pay for moorage.

At this time, the dock committee needs more community support. That support may include more volunteers to help with maintenance and repairs or volunteers able to explore funding opportunities.

5. A resident who spearheaded the approval and funding process added the following background, over \$400,000 was raised for the new dock and it took over 4 years to get the appropriate approval.

6. John Johnson called attention to several issues with the dock that will need fairly expensive work within the next few years. The breakwater is temporary and the end of the dock is sinking. Volunteers just replaced all the screws however the support beams and boards will need to be replaced in the next ten years..

7. A resident suggested discussing the situation with Danial Arbour, the CVRD Regional Director for Denman Island. Another CVRD contact mentioned was Doug

deMarzo. Doug has helped looking for past funding. The CVRD has indicated they would be willing to explore the idea of parks funding for the dock.

8. Frieda Werden volunteered to form a “garbage pick-up group” and invited others to contact her to do clean-up.

9. A suggestion was made to inform the community about the situation with an article in the Grapevine.

10. The surveillance camera is not operational. The committee members haven’t had time to get it working.

11. One resident volunteered to help with the dock and gave his name and contact info to Edi.

11. ADIMS concluded the discussion regarding the dock with a presentation regarding community partners looking at the health of the Salish Sea and specifically the dungeness crab population. The larvae are trapped and counted as a predictor of the number of mature crabs. The trap consists of a 5 gal bucket and a light which attracts the crabs. The dock committee agreed to a suitable place to put the trap.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00, seconded and passed.