

Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting June 12, 2022

Present: Ron Shepherd (chair), Andrew Pringle, Chris Danks, Jenny Balke plus 26 residents

PART 1

1. The public meeting to discuss the allocation of the 2023 Recreation Grant was called to order at 7:35 P.M.

2. The Recreation Grant Committee is not a committee of DIRA but it is an independent committee of Denman Island residents which will make recommendations to the CVRD regarding the annual recreation grant.

The 2023 Recreation Grant Committee members are; Jack Forsyth (chair), Jenny Villard and Georgette Hollingsworth.

The 2023 committee recommended the grant of \$23,001 be allocated to the following applicants:

Denman Island Community Education Society \$8,500

Denman Island Residents Association Community Dock \$6,500

Denman Island Residents Association Graham Lake Swim Dock \$6,500

Denman Island Pickleball Club \$1,501

3. There was a motion to adjourn this part of the public meeting at 7:45. The motion was seconded and there were no objections.

MOTION PASSED

PART 2

1. General Meeting called to order at 7:50 P.M.

2. There was a motion to adopt the agenda - moved, seconded and all in favour - **MOTION PASSED**

3. There was a motion to approve the minutes from the last general meeting on April 17th - moved, seconded and all in favour - **MOTION PASSED**

4. Chair Report:

Ron recapped the results of the board election from the last public meeting as follows;

Ron Shepherd President,

Jenny Balke Vice President,

Chris Danks Secretary,
Andrew Pringle Treasurer, and
Frieda Werden Member at Large

More board members are required and if anyone is interested in becoming involved in DIRA they are welcome to attend any board meeting as a visitor.

5. Reports from DIRA COMMITTEES

Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee:

A lot of money has been raised and a lot of volunteer labour has gone into the new dock, which is almost finished and ready to be moved into place. Improvements are also being made to the trail and access area.

Community Dock Committee:

A special public meeting was held in February to discuss problems regarding the dock. Since then, the dock committee has obtained a dock survey plan, conducted an underwater inspection and repositioned the structure. New zinc anodes have replaced aging and rusted anode and new paint has been applied to the railing.

Waste Management Committee:

The recycling depot is currently working on solving hazardous material (including flammable liquids) handling and storage issues. Hazardous material requires specialized storage, protected from the environment, which the depot doesn't have the space for. The CVRD has approved a band aid solution, which involves taking small quantities at a time to the dump on days when flammable disposal is allowed.

We were reminded not to put batteries in with metal recycling as they can explode.

Textiles are not accepted at the depot however textile disposal contributes significantly to waste. Recycle BC is working on a solution but due to the huge volume of used textiles previous endeavors have failed because they were unable to find any markets for the product (even as rags).

5. Liaison Report:

Ferry Advisory:

Chris Danks reported there was a Ferry Advisory meeting on May 26'th followed by a public engagement meeting. The following groups made a presentation;

Friends of Denman Forests,
Friends of Gravelly Bay, and

Hornby Residents.

The following issues were noted regarding the public engagement process, hard to hear with no microphones, ferry representatives were not introduced and repeating questions and answers took up a lot of time.

The Quinitza is now running from Gravelly Bay to Hornby Island and starting on June 22'nd the Kalokee will supplement the Baynes Sound Connector for 8 hour shifts Monday to Friday.

There was a problem on the May long weekend when the Quinitza was shuttling people off Hornby and the Baynes Sound Connector was unable to keep up, resulting in congestion through the downtown. Better communication between the ferries should prevent a recurrence.

The parking at Buckley Bay will change so lane 1 will be reserved for overheight vehicles and the other lanes will be filled on a first come - first served basis.

There will be traffic control at the Denman West and Denman East terminals, however traffic control cannot extend beyond ferry property.

There is currently no crew housing on Denman which can be a problem for some sailings. BC Ferries may look into seeing if residents are willing to rent a room to ferry crew.

The FAC is recommending the Baynes Sound Connector should be replaced with an island class vessel.

Islands Trust:

The Local Trust Committee met on Tuesday (June 6th). There was a second reading to the Agricultural Land Use Review which will be followed with another community engagement.

The housing review is ongoing.

The Advisory Planning Commission (APC) is a group of residents who work with our local trust committee to provide input. More members are needed and if anyone is interested in contributing they should contact one of the local trustees.

The next Trust Council will be held at the end of June on Gabriola Island.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.