

Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting June 13, 2022

Present: Ron Shepherd; chair, Howard Stewart, Andrew Pringle and 8 other residents

PART 1 - Public Meeting to Approve Recreational Grant Recommendations

1. Public meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M.
2. Presentation of Recreation Grant Committee Findings and Recommendations:
The grant committee this year was composed of Dennis Lavalley, Tim Fuchs and Frank Frketchich as the elected chairperson.

This year there were five qualified applicants meeting the requirements set out by the CVRD. The following list is the applicants, the amount requested and the amount of money they are recommended to receive in 2022:

1. Denman Island Community Education Society (DICES)
Applied for \$12,000 to receive \$7,000
2. DIRA's Community Dock
Applied for \$9,363 to receive \$4,000
3. PickleBall Club
Applied for \$4,225 to receive \$3,000
4. DIRA's Graham Lake Swim Dock
Applied for \$3,000 to receive \$2,600
5. DIRA's Denman West Boat Launch
Applied for \$700 to receive \$ 400

Total Available for 2022: \$17,000

The committee extensively reviewed each application paying close attention to the requirements that each applicant use the funds for physical activities that will benefit the diverse population on Denman Island. They took into consideration also the ability for each group to apply a user pay principle as well as their ability to find and receive other grants and alternative funding.

A motion was made to accept the recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded and there was unanimous approval. **MOTION PASSED**

There was a motion to adjourn this portion of the public meeting, which was seconded, and all were in favour. **MOTION PASSED**

Part 1 adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

PART 2

1. General Meeting called to order at 7:55 P.M.
2. Motion to adopt the agenda was moved, seconded and all in favour - MOTION PASSED
3. Motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022 was moved, seconded and all voted in favour - MOTION PASSED

Executive Report:

4. The DIRA board agreed to appoint the following board members for 2022;
President - Ron Shepherd,
Vice-President - Howard Stewart
Treasurer - Andrew Pringle
Secretary - Chris Danks
Member-at-Large - Frieda Werden
5. DIRA's Consolidated Annual Financial Report for 2021 has been independently reviewed and approved by a professional accountant. A copy of the consolidated financial statements has also been sent to the CVRD. The committee balance sheets and income statements will be posted on the DIRA website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Bill Mee Committee:

A few years ago it was observed that the timber on the boat ramp had started to deteriorate and that deterioration exposed dangerous rusty anchor bolts. In response, the CVRD provided 6x6 composite timber to be used as a test, to see how this material held up in the water. The test was successful and this year new timber and stainless steel bolts have been ordered and will be installed.

It's too much work for committee members so they are looking for a contractor and hope to have the work completed by July 15'th.

7. Community Dock Committee:

The community dock breakwater requires extensive repair work. Until the new breakwater is installed the dock is unprotected from wave action. An estimate of \$11,175 was presented to members. That includes 120 feet of chain, 9 shackles, 4 blocks, grinding, welding, transport and installation.

A local marine contractor has been found who will be able to do the required work as soon as possible.

8. Parks Committee:

The wire mesh treads on the stairs at Morning Beach Park were worn and most were removed and replaced with a non-slip metal tread on each stair.

The CVRD is taking over the maintenance of the following CVRD parks on Denman, Morning Beach Park, Stanehill Park, Maple Park and Piercy Park.

The DIRA Parks Committee will still be involved with other parks.

LIAISON REPORTS:

9. BC Ferries:

Lots of gravel trucks are expected over the next 2 weeks for road repair on Denman. The Baynes Sound Connector just had a scheduled maintenance break and is running again. The Denman - Hornby ferry, MV Kahloke has been downgraded for weight capacity and longer wait times are expected this summer.

BC Ferries has a plan to lengthen and widen the Baynes Sound Connector in 2026.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40, seconded and passed.