

Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting October 17, 2022

Present: Ron Shepherd; chair, Howard Stewart, Andrew Pringle and 10 other residents

1. General Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M.

2. Motion to adopt the agenda was moved, seconded and all in favour - MOTION PASSED

3. Motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2022 was moved, seconded and all voted in favour - MOTION PASSED

4. Fire Department Report:

The new fire chief, Rob Mannering introduced himself to residents and informed everyone of the 2 new deputies, Jamie Prowse (chief of training) and Vali Majd (chief of operations). New priorities include an accelerated training program to enable all volunteers the opportunity to achieve certification as fire fighters or fire officers.

A new pumper will be ordered soon for delivery in 2 years.

There is a possibility the CVRD may build a new firehall in the next 3 years.

Residents within 8 kilometers by road, from the firehall may be eligible for a home insurance discount.

5. CVRD Recreation Grant:

The CVRD initially granted Denman \$17,000 for the 2022 recreation grant. However, prior years unused recreation grant funds of almost \$9,000 were made available after the Recreation Grant Committee made the 2022 funding allocation. The DIRA board would like to allocate the excess funds over the next 3 years, in addition to the annual CVRD Recreation Grants.

There was a motion to disburse the excess Recreation Grant funds over the next 3 years (year 1 - \$3,000, year 2 - \$3,000 and year 3 - \$2,682).

The motion was seconded and all voted in favour. PASSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Community Dock Committee:

The new breakwater has been installed and is performing as expected. The chains and mooring blocks are holding.

Installation of the new camera is ongoing.

Other projects include; moving the dock extension to the beach and installing aluminum anodes to help prevent piling rot.

There was some discussion regarding whether or not the dock and boat ramp committees were amalgamated. These committees have not amalgamated. When the boat ramp was built it was agreed it should be a separate committee. DIRA can only change that if both committees provide minutes approving the change. Only the FLNR lease renewal for the dock and boat ramp was amalgamated.

7. Waste Management Committee:

About 800 unrimmed tires have been picked up and removed from Denman at no charge. The CVRD agreed to pay for the removal of about 2,400 rimmed tires. From now on unrimmed tires will be accepted in the recycling depot with no charge and rimmed tires will be charged \$5 per tire.

Car and marine batteries will soon be accepted in the recycling depot.

Metal recycling is expanding to include large appliances such as fridges, stoves, freezers, water coolers etc. All can be dropped off at the recycling depot when open.

Small and large propane canisters are now accepted at the recycling depot.

8. Climate Action Committee:

This committee started in 2019 with a series of discussions in the school. The community hall was packed for a climate discussion with Guy Duancey. After the COVID restrictions, the committee would like to regain previous momentum by inviting Guy Duancey back to discuss what residents can do.

A pedal parade around Denman and climate heroes featured in the Flagstone have been recent initiatives to engage the community.

LIAISON REPORTS:

9. BC Ferries:

All Ferry Advisory terms are expiring at the end of 2022 and after 11 years, Frank Frketich is retiring. 6 liaison reps positions from Denman and 6 from Hornby need to be filled. Ideally, committee members represent one of the following groups; school, seniors, emergency services, Islands Trust and business.

Lots of changes are planned for the summer of 2023. The Qunitsa will be used on the Hornby route and the Kaloke will be used in Baynes Sound in addition to the Baynes Sound Connector.

In 2025 or 2026 the Baynes Sound Connector will be expanded to carry at least 70 cars and possibly by electrification.

The last Ferry Advisory meeting stressed the corporation's decision to focus on people and services. The next committee meeting is November 7th and residents are invited for

discussion/community engagement from 2:45 to 3:30.

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