

## **Special Executive Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

Present: Ron Shepherd (Chair), Bob French, Howard Stewart, Chris Danks and Andrew Pringle

### **Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M. outside the Old School**

1. This special meeting of the executive and the Reuseable Store (Free Store) volunteers was convened to discuss whether or not it is possible to open the Free Store at this time due to COVID concerns. The Waste Management Committee and Free Store volunteers do not believe it is safe to open due to the low ceiling, cramped space and lack of ventilation.
2. Some community members are finding lack of access to the Free Store merchandise (particularly childrens items) a hardship and a list of about 10 people who would be willing to operate a Free Store was submitted.
3. Outdoor options were discussed. It is not possible to have an outdoor Free Store at the Old School on Saturday due to the market and Recycling Depot traffic. Sunday at another location (not yet determined) was seen as the most feasible.
4. Free Store volunteers will give bags of summer clothing and childrens things to the outdoor group.
5. The outdoor Free Store group will not be a DIRA entity and will be required to coordinate set-up before and clean-up after.

### **Other topics discussed:**

6. There was a resignation at the Bottle Depot and a replacement will be hired.
7. DIRCS is reopening the Community Hall and DIRA will decide whether to hold the AGM in September (inside and outside are being considered).

**Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM**