

Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting April 9, 2019

Present: Ron Shepherd; chair, Doug Wright, Robert French, Andrew Pringle, Frieda Werden, and 27 members plus 6 non-member residents

PART 1

1. Public meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. The Denman Island Recreation Grants Committee-
– advertises and distributes application forms on Denman Island for the recreation services grants provided by the Comox Valley Regional District in accordance with Regional District Bylaw No. 2624, 2004, the “Denman Island Recreation Service Establishment Bylaw”. It reviews and evaluates all applications received, and at a public meeting of residents called by DIRA, presents for approval its recommendations as to which applicants should receive grants and for what portions, in dollars, of the total amount available

The DIRA Board would like to nominate: Jack Forsyth, Ron Wilson and Charlie Tait to the Recreation Grant Committee for 2019. There will be a public announcement of their recommendations at the June 10th DIRA meeting.

3. The chair called 3 times for other members to assist the committee.

No further nominations were received from the floor.

4. There was a motion to accept Jack Forsyth, Ron Wilson and Charlie Tait, which was seconded and all voted in favour.

MOTION PASSED

5. Motion to adjourn the public meeting approved at 7:40

MOTION PASSED

PART 2

1. DIRA Annual General Meeting called to order at 7:45 P.M.

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

3. Motion to adopt minutes from the March 11th general meeting - moved, seconded and all in favour - **MOTION PASSED**

4. Chair Report:

Ron thanked all the residents who volunteer their time on committees, fellow board members and other helpers for the hours of volunteer work they do every year on behalf of Denman Islanders.

Special acknowledgement went to Anne Page, who is moving on, for maintaining the DIRA website for years.

Doug Wright is resigning as the DIRA treasurer after more than 10 years of service but will continue with his committee work.

During 2018, a new garbage contract signed and the Internet Committee was formed. During 2019, the board plans to do some financial restructuring to assist long-term manageability.

Ron Shepherd and Bob French each have another year to serve on their terms. Doug Wright has finished his term and is not running again. Andrew Pringle and Frieda Werden will be running for another 2 year term.

The chair called 3 times for more nominations from the floor with no response each time.

No new nominations.

The 2019 Board Members will be:

Ron Shepherd, Robert French, Frieda Werden, and Andrew Pringle.

5. Annual Year-End Financial Report:

Doug used a laptop and overhead projector to review the revenue and expenses. All cheques are numbered and recorded and assigned to a committee or administration. The opening bank balance on January 1, 2018 was \$15,000 and the closing bank balance on December 31, 2018 was \$17,000.

Detail DIRA and Dock Committee financial reports were also posted on the bulletin board.

Doug reported that the consolidated financial report will be prepared, audited and then presented to the members.

There was a motion to accept the financial report, which was seconded, and all voted in favour.

MOTION PASSED

6. Annual Reports from DIRA COMMITTEES

Bill Mee Committee:

Ralph McCuaig reported that there are no major expenses predicted for 2019 and the budget will once again, for the 3rd consecutive year, remain unchanged. Ralph also mentioned that launch decals are available for \$25.

Community Dock Committee:

Robert Fox informed everyone that there was some slight damage to the information kiosk which has been repaired and a tree needs to be replaced. During 2018, over \$4,400

was earned in dock fees and since most of the work done at the dock is volunteer labour there was a profit of over \$1,000. As of Jan 14, 2019 they had \$54,000 in assets.

The breakwater is deteriorating and the Dock Committee is in the process of hiring McElhanney Engineering to evaluate options.

Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee:

Ian Elliot reported that the swim dock is so well used, during the last summer there was some conflict between dogs and people. As a compromise, dogs are now only allowed at specified (non-peak) times and signs have been posted at the Jemima entrance and the Mallard entrance.

As a result of a near drowning, a life saver ring was installed on a new post.

The donation box at the general store generated more than \$100 during the year, but the Swim Dock Committee will be applying for grant money this year to keep up required maintenance. They have a bank balance of \$1,079 after expenses of \$362 for insurance and \$137 for signs.

Denman West Boat Launch:

Doug reported that the concrete has cured and now only required minimal cleaning rather than the regular demossing. A new sign is required because the posted price has been reduced.

Internet Committee:

John Wigle reported for this new DIRA committee started in the summer of 2018. They surveyed all Denman Islanders and got 185 responses from concerned residents. There are ongoing discussions with Telus to improve the service.

One project the committee is working on is selecting a landing point which will allow the internet service provider to run a FTTH (Fiber To The Home) cable on Denman and Hornby. Our local MP Scott Fraser has sent a letter of support.

Funding is being sought from various sources including DenmanWorks.

Old School Committee:

Gloria reported that there was a deficit of \$5,500 due to installing the new windows in the Conservancy Room. This money came from term deposits.

WiFi is now available at the old school with a password and gravel has been spread in the parking lot.

The market is now run by the GPA (Growers and Producers) and they have a list of 46 vendors for this summer.

Parks Committee:

Tim Fuchs reported accomplishments for 2018 include the Chickadee Lake Trail, tree pruning at the bottom of Grafiti Hill and repairs to the Morning Beach stairs. The Piercy Road Park is very close to final approval. The gravel pit connector trail needs to be built in 2019 which is about 300 meters from Lake Road to the CVRD right-of-way.

Pesticide Free Committee:

Anne Page reported that their broom pulling project concluded with 160 hours of labour. They raised \$4,600 to pay for the labour and purchase 3 broom pullers. These broom pullers are available for rental (by donation) at the Hardware Store.

Education has been important with monthly articles in the Grapevine and a handout which went to every household on Denman and Hornby. In addition there was a very popular Pesticide Free forum which might be scheduled annually.

Trails Committee:

Tim Fuchs reported that weekly maintenance is performed on the Cross Island Trail. The CVRD set up an information booth at the 2018 market to get feedback. 9 new sign posts have been installed in Boyle Point Park.

Waste Management:

Robert French reported Bottle Depot income of \$62,900, expenses of \$56,300 and net income of \$6,500. Income is up due to increased volume and the small community grant. There is a new initiative to recycle small appliances.

Robert French reported a new 3 year garbage contract was signed in 2018 and drainage was installed outside the recycling centre/bottle depot.

7. Liaison Reports:

Islands Trust:

Laura Busheikin reported that she attended the road stakeholder meeting. Other stakeholders represented were the fire department, home care, ambulance, some concerned residents, DIRA, Ministry of Transportation and MainRoad contractors. This was organised by a non-DIRA group of residents.

The Islands Trust Advisory Planning Committee is looking for new members to provide local input.

The next Islands Trust meeting will be April 24th at 12:30. They are mainly working on the 2 housing projects right now.

The Local Trust Committee will be hosting a “cafe style workshop” in the evening of April 24th to discuss the Denman Farm Plan and proposed by-laws. This event is open to the public.

2019 nominations are open for the Community Stewardship Award. Nominees may be individuals, businesses or groups who make a significant contribution towards preservation, protection or stewardship. The deadline is April 22nd.

Ferry Advisory:

Frank Frketich reported that the commissioner announced a preliminary 4 year price cap of 2.4% annually. Further negotiation between ferries and the BC Government are required before a final decision is announced in September. The 4 years are 2020 to 2024.

June 6'th is the next ferry advisory meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.