

DIRA Executive Meeting, January 4, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chair: Frank Frketich, Minute taker: Laurie Montemurro
Doug Wright, Denise MacKean, Ron Shepherd

Welcome to our guests, Edi Johnston and Dorrie Woodward from the Marine Guardians Committee

1. Agenda Additions, none, motion to adopt the agenda, Carried
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the last Executive meeting, Carried

3. DIRA Marine Guardian presentation:

Dorrie and Edi are the co-chairs of the Guardians Committee. They spoke to us about DIRA's requirement to fulfill the contract with Telus regarding protection of the Telus cable. The Guardians look at this responsibility as a way of including their mandate to protect beach habitat. They suggest the gate in front of the parking area could be moved to the south of the dock parking lot for cable protection at a minimal cost.

Ron spoke to the fact that DIRA represents all Islanders and not just the committee members. We need to take into account the views of all islanders. The position of the Dock Committee could be summed up by saying they are reluctant to block access beyond the dock tenure site until there is a boat ramp in place. They are concerned that some use the area as a boat launch as well the Sailing Club uses this access point.

If there is a requirement to move the gate it would have to be at dock expense as it was their responsibility in the first place.

Action: Frank will contact Telus to come and check out the situation. If the contract is fulfilled then pass the blockage question back to the CRVD.

On another matter the Marine Guardians would like to apply for a CVRD Grant in Aid for 1,600.00. The grant would be used to initiate a plan to educate the public regarding driving on the beach. They are also looking at posting signs on Ministry of Transport Lands at beach access points. This would be done in conjunction with the CRVD Parks Planner and the Area Manager of the Ministry of Transportation.

4. Waste Management Reorganization: Discussion regarding the reorganization of this committee.

Ron supported having the current managers take on more responsibility and report to DIRA. Doug expressed concern about the need for a person to deal with the bureaucracy. Denise agrees the majority of the work can be done by the current managers. Also there would be a need for a Waste Management contact on the DIRA Executive.

The Executive will have to address the rate of pay and the increase in hours, perhaps a 10% raise?

Action: To have another meeting with Recycle Centre and Bottle Depot managers to go over the jobs necessary to be taken on in addition to the existing jobs. Also for Leslie to provide a job description as a bookkeeper so we can advertise for that position. Build into the job advertisement the potential for growth as DIRA's bookkeeper for administration and committees.

4a) Transitions Denman is considering wrapping up their affairs. They need to finalize their financial affairs.

Query: Are they going to withdraw as a committee of DIRA?

Action: Doug will stay in touch with them and update as required.

5. Old School Committee has contracted out to replace the windows in the Weavers room. One contractor has expressed interest in replacing the windows providing that if there is existing damage to the frames the costs could go up.

Motion: That the Old School committee contracts Michael Rapati to replace the windows in the Old School Weavers room for \$5,000 subject to existing frames being in good condition. Carried

6. February meeting, Frank will not be here from February 1st to March 3rd. Denise will be chairing the meeting.

7. Financial update: Doug has submitted the statement and paperwork to Ron for review.

Motion: That the existing funds in Parks Liaison line item be transferred to the Parks Committee. Carried

8. The consolidated Financial Review: Motion That DIRA's 2015 Consolidated Financial Review be done by Paul Kaback. Carried

8. The security cameras are working at the public dock. The procedures plan for privacy is not yet finished.

9. Motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Carried