

Executive Meeting Minutes, Monday, July 2, 2018

Present: Ron Shepherd (Chair), Doug Wright, Bob French, Frieda Werden and Andrew Pringle

Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M. In the Old School, Conservancy Room

1. Additions to Agenda: Internet Committee and Garbage Contract Update. Motion to adopt agenda, seconded and all voted in favour
Motion to adopt minutes from June 4, 2018 Executive Meeting, seconded and all voted in favour.
2. Constitution Changes per AGM Motion / Filing Update: Our volunteer web administrator (Anne Page) updated the bylaws on the DIRA website. Andrew has been investigating how to update the BC Registry Office and will contact Bert Taylor for assistance.
3. Treasury Functions to Outsource: There was some discussion regarding the amount of work that may be contracted out and what may continue to be done by the treasurer. Ron is going to ask around to get an idea who may be available to do consolidated financial statements. Andrew is going to ask who does Arts Denman Consolidated Financial Statement.
4. Playground Equipment used by Blackberry Lane Pre-School: There was some discussion regarding the Hall's responsibility for funding repair to the equipment. The Community Hall budgeted for playground equipment repair/replacement in a future budget but nothing for ongoing repair. Fortunately the Recreation Grant was approved this year to pay for the repairs.
5. A Residents email regarding the Recreation Grant and the Use of the Term 'Public' Meeting: The executive discussed the value of saying general vs. public meeting and decided to use the term public meeting because it sounded more inviting or all-inclusive. However, in order to conform with the by-laws we will to go back to using the term "General" Meeting.
6. Vehicles on the Beach Near the Community Dock: There appears to be a controversy on Facebook between a resident and a shellfish leaseholder and the executive were concerned that some may think this was approved by DIRA. DIRA is not involved and there doesn't appear to be any mention of DIRA. The executive decided to watch for further developments. Doug informed us that DFO has

recently sent a letter to all shellfish leaseholders to clean up their portion of the beach and remove any exposed rebar.

7. Park Access at Chickadee Lake: Ron heard that construction of an access trail to Chickadee Lake is scheduled to begin in July. He will confirm that at the next Trails Committee meeting.

8. Trespassing on East Side of Park to Gain Access to Oldesta Gravel Pit Road and Theft of an Art Object from an Adjacent Landowner: There is no public access to the park and some people are trespassing on private property and someone has stolen an art object from that property. The plan is for a path to go around the private property and then a right-of-way on the gravel pit road. DIRA Trails and Parks Committees are getting caught in the middle until the access route has been worked out.

8a. Insurance: In order to have insurance coverage all volunteers in parks must be members of DIRA however, BC Parks has been doing work in the parks without DIRA members. This came to light during the Butterfly Release. The executive discussed and concluded that a committee must be willing to support the initiative. There are no DIRA committees willing to take on this initiative, so Ron will inform BC Parks they are responsible for the Butterfly Reserve and DIRA is not involved. When there was pesticide sprayed in Fillongley Park to eradicate holly the Pesticide Free Committee became involved.

9. Terms of Reference for Internet Committee: The terms of reference submitted look OK. Goals and deliverables have been clearly stated. There was a motion to approve the Internet Committee as a new committee under the DIRA umbrella. The motion was seconded and all voted in favour.
Motion Passed.

10. Garbage Contract Update: Bob informed us that he plans to open the bidding for a new garbage contract after labour day with advertising in the local paper, on the CVRD website and on the Denman Works website. The bidding will be open for 5 weeks and close on Oct 12th. He will then have about 4 weeks to finalize before the budget is presented to residents in November. The new contract will start on Jan 1, 2019.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 PM