

DIRA Regular General Meeting October 19, 2009

Denman Island Community Hall (Following the Special Meeting to elect 2 new Executive members)

Call to Order: 8:15 p.m.

Executive In Attendance: Derek Hood, Andrew Scruton; Liz Johnston; Moira Webster; Max Campill-Wedges

Regrets: Patti Willis

Members: 108

Approval of Agenda: one addition: Harlene Holm requested a Notice of Motion be added under the heading of New Business

Motion: Moved by Bill Engleson the agenda be approved as amended. *M/S/carried*

Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2009

Motion: To approve the minutes as read. *M/S/carried*

Committee Presentations:

Dock Committee Presentation: (John Johnston, Chair) (documents in library)

Noted that the documents have been in the library for some time

Memorandum of Understanding with the Old School Committee that the Dock Committee will fund half of the liability insurance costs which includes Bill Mee Park and Waste Management. Includes putting aside funding for that agreement for 3 years after this year. Work in progress.

Agreement with DFO for one-time funding only for \$75,000 for work on that site.

Preliminary cost estimate for the complete emergency dock is approximately \$350,000

Commits DIRA to follow all of the procedures that are in place with DFO for permission to construct.

Motion: That the DIRA membership accept the tenure offer from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands as proposed for Waterlot 257 and authorize the Dock Committee to proceed with the tenure offer on the membership's behalf. *M/S/Carried*

Parks Committee Presentation: (Peter Karsten, Chair)

Power point presentation: (attachments in Library)

Asking DIRA to support the process in which DIRA would approve small parks to be worked by volunteers

Asking that the Stanehill Park be the first model to work through that process

Motion: That the Parks Committee be given approval in principle by the Denman Island Residents Association to develop an Adopt-a-Park Program (AaP) in collaboration with the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) as presented and that the Stanehill Park be adopted as a project. *M/S/carried*

Waste Management Committee (Bob French, Chair) (see attachments in Library)

The present garbage collection contract currently held by David Fairbairn expires at the end of this year. The bidding process held between July 27th and August 21st and at the October 5, Executive Meeting the recommendation was presented to the Executive and the recommendation was accepted.

New 3 year contract goes to Sun Coast Waste Services and begins on the 1st of January 2010.

DIRA Members voiced their appreciation and thanks to David Fairbairn for his service to our community

Bev Hollingsworth stated that she has noticed a trend of tax dollars going off the Island and that it be noted in the minutes

Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department – no report

DICEEC – Karl Goodwin

Reported that the Open House held by DICEEC was quite successful

Presently, as a result of Survey, have developed categories of interest for the focus groups

Interviewed and hired a Denman Resident to work with DICEEC until December 31, 2009

Bill Mee Park – Pat Vaness

Announced that they have received 3 bids on the breakwater extension but they were completely outrageous and have not heard anything more from the Regional District

Old School Committee – Gloria Michin (Chair)

No report but clarified the insurance situation. Since 1993 there has always been an insurance policy in place.

Bill Engleson asked if the Islands Trust hold title to the property and wondered if as DIRA builds capacity whether the title should revert back to DIRA?

Wildlife Committee: Cindy Critchley (Chair)

No report

Bugs R Us Committee: Harlene Holm (Chair)

Reported that on Friday 13th November having a broom pulling party that will work from the crest of Denman Hill eastward along Denman Road. Bring picks, axes etc. along with the 2 broom pullers at the Denman Hardware. Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Trails Committee: no report

Membership Committee: no report

Islands Trustee Report: Louise Bell – see document in library

Reminded membership of public hearing October 20, 2009 re: North Denman Lands proposal

October 21st will be receiving preliminary report for the development further north above the North Denman Lands called “the Point” (material on website)

October 21st LTC meeting to plan a series of meeting to amend the OCP to set targets for, and policies regarding, greenhouse gas emissions.

Announced that on Monday, 23rd of November in the Conservancy Room will be showing and explaining maps of the new sensitive ecosystem mapping of Denman Island

Ferry Advisory Committee: Dennis Forsyth – no report

Denman Island Regional Library: Bill Engleson – no report

New Business:

Resignation letters – neither Bob French nor Roxanna Mandryk, or a designee, were available to read the resignation letters.

Chair reminded members that the Special Meeting to consider and discuss the resignations of Bob French and Roxanna Mandryk has been arranged to take place on October 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the back hall of the Community Hall. Facilitator will be Tony Law. Volunteer for minute taker: Veronica Timmins volunteered to take the minutes of that meeting.

Motion: Sara French moved that we cancel the meeting because the people who wrote the letters will not be there: *M/S/ruled out of order*

Chair: Motion by Sara French to cancel the October 26 Special Meeting is ruled out of order.

Motion: Bev Hollingsworth: That we meet October 26th and honour Bob and Roxanne for over 60 years of public service in our community. I'll bring the food. *M/S/carried*

Point of Order: Bill Engleson: I don't believe this is a motion that has anything to do with the special meeting it's just to arrange a gathering.

Website Update: no report

Notice of Motion: Harlene Holm: Given that participation in the discussion of tax based committee's and the DIVFD's budgets and voting to accept these budgets is open to all residents of Denman Island, And, Given an open forum and distinct time frame are desirable in so far as the residents of Denman Island should have the choice to solely attend the budget meetings and the budgets can receive the attention which these deserve.

I move that the Denman Island Resident's Association create an ample block of time which is entirely separate from the business of DIRA for the April preliminary consideration of the budgets of tax-supported groups such as the Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department, Waste Management and the Denman Works Committee and for the September ratification of these budgets, and that these blocks of time be scheduled prior to a regular DIRA meeting or at a separate time.

Motion to adjourn: *M/S/ 9:42 p.m.*