

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held on Monday, September 9, 2013 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, Denman Island, BC, commencing at 7:30 pm.

Present:

Chair	Bob French
Executive:	Denise MacKean, minute taker
	Doug Wright
	Ron Shepherd
	Laurie Montemurro
	Frank Frketich

Apologies:

Call to order: 17 people in attendance.

Motion that the agenda be approved with an addition under “liaison reports” requested by Laurie to discuss Denman Island Community Health Network. **Carried.**

Motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2013 as presented was **Carried.**

Executive Report:

Bob French introduced a request from the Denman Housing Association for a letter of support for their application for a grant from the Real Estate Association of BC. He read the proposed letter supporting their objectives for an environmentally sustainable project. **Motion** that DIRA give them such a letter was **Carried.**

Budget Reports:

Waste Management Budget: Bob French presented their budget (attached) in light of the on-going change-over to control by MMBC (Multi-Materials BC). This will be a new program and the Budget (attached) reflects this change which contains some uncertainty and contains about 8.5% increase in the overall budget. **Motion** to approve the budget as presented was **Carried.**

Bill Mee Park Budget: John Wigle presented the 2014 Budget (attached) which was much lower than 2013. The question of income arose and he stated fees collected were between \$5-600/yr. and are absorbed in on site maintenance. **Motion** to accept the budget was **Carried.**

Denman Island Fire and Rescue: John Kirk presented a budget (attached) very similar to 2013 with small changes amounting to approximately \$2000 more. **Motion** to accept the budget was **Carried.**

Old School Budget: Bob French presented the budget (attached) for Gloria Michin. This group not a tax-supported one but pays its way by rentals. They are trying to raise funds for a new roof and have some contingency funds but need to raise about \$5-6000 more. Some discussion followed about borrowing money but they may not want to carry a debt and uncertain what group could do this. A suggestion was made that they might seek out bequests to cover some costs. **Motion** to accept the budget was **Carried.**

DIRA's Budget: Doug Wright presented DIRA's budget for 2014 (attached). He estimated that insurance costs may go up as a result of the Waste Management changeover but, once again, uncertainty about this and the possible signing of a Service Agreement with CVRD may change things. **Motion** to accept the budget was **Carried.**

MMBC Report: Bob French explained the new system of Waste Management which will be undertaken soon but is still somewhat opaque. (report attached) Denman's recycle committee has decided to sign on “in good faith” with many unknowns.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Ralph McCuaig reported that the new loop trail in Boyle Park now had a completed bridge. He also described and showed pictures of another bridge over Beadnell Creek which will enhance another loop trail from Swan Road to The Swale. It is horse and Quad friendly.

Liaison Reports:

Islands Trust: Laura Busheikin reported on the recent Housing Regulation meeting and this is an on-going discussion. The Shellfish Aquaculture issue and the relevant by-law enforcement is receiving attention at the Islands Trust. The Cable Ferry discussion is still going on but the plan is hard to stop. She suggested that the Ferry Advisory Committee keep pursuing the question of a Boat Launch at that site. It is still in a “looked at” stage with Ferries. The Trust is also getting involved with Tanker Traffic.

Community Health Network: Laurie Montemurro described their mandate and asked if they would be able to report at DIRA in future. Their meetings are somewhat closed and one needs to ask to attend. DIRA could give them a public presence.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm Carried.

Minute taker:

Chair:

Denise MacKean

Frank Frketich