

Minutes of the meeting of the Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) held September 8, 2014 in the Back Hall, located at 1196 Northwest Road, BC, commencing at 7:30 pm.

Present:

taker

Chair of the meeting: Frank Frketich
Executive: Denise MacKean, Minute

Doug Wright
Bob French
Ron Shepherd
Margie Gang
Laurie Montemurro

Apologies:

Meeting was called to order: 32 attended.

Motion to adopt the agenda **Carried.**

Motion to approve the Minutes of July 9, 2014 General Meeting **Carried.**

Executive Report: Frank reported:

The Service Agreement between DIRA and CVRD has been passed by the CVRD Board at their May meeting and will come into effect in or around October 2014. The Agreement is on the DIRA website and there are still a few details to iron out.

We were considering changing our Budget meeting from September to October which would give committees more time to consider their budgets. This may not work with the CVRD time frame and discussion will be carried over to the October meeting.

Old Business:

Edi Johnston put forward a motion on behalf of the Guardians of Denman Shores presently comprised of eight members:

Motion that a new Guardians of Denman Shores standing committee of DIRA be created as per Terms of Reference provided to the meeting.

She stated that it will be a separate committee from the present Marine Stewardship group on the island. It would stand as a liaison group to include the whole community and would give extra validity to their message. **Carried.**

New Business:

Moved by Margie Gang that DIRA support a letter to go to our Islands Trustees from the local accommodation providers. The main request in the letter was that the Trust Committee extend the moratorium on bylaws restricting cooking facilities which is set to expire in December 2014. The rest of the letter asked that, since this issue has been on the books since 2011, the Trustees move it up on their priorities list. Because of the up-coming election in November, our present Trustee said such a decision would have to be made by the incoming Trustees. Some felt only the moratorium should be discussed but after a "friendly" amendment to take out the word unreasonably the motion was **Carried.**

Budget Presentations:

Waste Management: Bob French spoke to their budget. (Budget and Budget narrative attached) **Motion** that the Budget be accepted as presented **Carried**.

Bill Mee Park: John Wigle presented their budget. (attached) It showed an accumulation of funds for future extension of the breakwater but no dramatic change.
Motion that the Budget be accepted as presented was **Carried**.

Old School Committee: Gloria Michin presented their budget (attached) and they are entirely supported by rental income and get no tax funding.
Motion that this budget be approved was **Carried**.

DIRA Administrative Budget: Doug Wright presented the 2015 budget. There are still some questions regarding book-keeping and financial reviews which may change the budget when the Service Agreement is finalized.
Motion that the membership accept DIRA's 2015 Budget. **Carried**.

Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department: John Ralston presented their budget.
Motion: the chair of Denman Island Fire Association, John Kirk, requests that the residents of Denman Island approve the Fire Department's 2015 operating Grant request as presented.
Carried.

John Ralston went on to explain their up-coming purchase of a new tanker truck. The estimated cost is \$200,000 and would require a \$70-85,000 loan.

Motion that the Residents of Denman Island support the Fire Department's purchase a new water tanker using the accumulated balance of the Capital Equipment Reserve supplemented by a loan to be paid off over the next four years. **Carried**

Committee Reports:

Dennis Forsyth reported for the **Wildlife Advisory Committee** regarding the continuing problem with deer getting caught in fishnet used as fencing and wants it to stop.

Frank announced that Ferry construction will start night work. He has discussed the Old Anchor placement with the construction planner and it may be on the walking path leaving the ferry along with the "Welcome to Denman" sign. The Boat Launch is still going ahead and the planner is aware of our concerns over placement. Frank would also like feed-back on the present ferry schedule and any changes you may like to see. This provides him with advice to take to the **Ferry Advisory Committee**.

Motion to adjourn **Carried**.

Next General Meeting October 20, 2014.

Chair:

Minute taker:

Frank Frketich

Denise MacKean

