

**Denman Island Residents Association
Public Meeting and General Meeting Agenda July 11, 2016**

1. Call to Order of the Public Meeting
Mtg. called to order at 7:30
25 people in attendance

2. Turn the meeting over to Jack Forsyth ,Helen Wilson and Noel Villard,
the **Recreational Grant Committee** for their 2016 Report.

The CVRD stipulates the money be used for physical activity and recreation. Protocols were followed for publicizing the grant applications. Six applicants this year. \$20,000 available, requests totalled \$40,000.

Committee Recommendations:

The Committee followed the criteria that the funds should benefit a broad range of Denman's population in providing physical activity. These are our recommendations:

Denman Seniors & Museum Society	\$5,750.
DIRA Community Dock Committee	2,500.
Graham Lake Swim Dock	750.
DI Sailing & Paddling Club	3,000.
DI Community Education Society	7,500.
DI Island Girl Guides	500.

Motion: That the membership approve the above recommendations and send the results to the CVRD. Seconded, favoured.

Questions:

Could this grant process happen earlier in the spring for the group's to access the funds during the summer months? **Action: to look this idea.**

The CVRD has maintained the 20,000 amount for many years, could we lobby the CVRD for an increase in funding. This would result in increased taxes.

3.. Adjourn Public Meeting

1. Call the DIRA General Meeting to order, 7:42pm, 24 in attendance.

2. **Motion to approve the agenda**, seconded, approved, with the deletion of the boat tenure lease and an addition of water leases.

3. **Motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2016 General Meeting, seconded, favoured.**

4. Executive Report:

a. Minutes of our General Meetings are in the library and on the website.

b. We had a meeting with Gloria Michin which will be covered in New Business.

c. We changed the mailing address for Waste Management.

d. Letter from leaseholders with an oyster lease who are now prevented from driving along the beach to their lease. Member pointed out their lease is only 100 feet from the dock parking lot which the leaseholders use.

Local Trust committee will be discussing the issue of driving on the beach in September with a number of stakeholders. The mtg. is open to the public and perhaps a rep from the DIRA Exec. be present for the round table discussion.

5. Old Business: none to report.

6. New Business:

a. Boat Ramp, still in progress. The concrete panels are proving tricky. Frank has been in constant communication with BC Ferries with limited success.

Question: trailer parking after the boat is launched - a few places will be available in the community dock parking lot, people can also park at the top of the hill.

b) Saturday Market Organization, Gloria will email me the report

Motion that the GPA take on the role of administrating the Saturday Market with the following terms . . .

Seconded. Favoured.

Veronica reported that a coordinator has been hired. Vendors can reserve their

space if they pay the season fee up front. Off island publicity will be done to enhance off island visitors. Vendors are in the process of deciding whether they want to join the BC Farmers Market Assoc or not. They can receive insurance through this organization.

7. Committee Reports:

Waste Management
Bill Mee Park
Dock Committee

Graham Lake Swim Dock:

a phone call was received for dock monitoring due to the article in the paper. Thank you.

Parks

Transition Denman Island is no longer in existence. A suggestion was made that the Board research the bylaws to see if a motion is required.

Financial accountability: Transitions had a bank account prior to joining DIRA. Funds they received once joining DIRA did pass through the DIRA books. Anything prior to this committee joining belongs to the Transitions group. This will all show up in the year end reports.

Thank you Veronica.

Wildlife Advisory
Pesticide Free
Trails

Marine Guardians: a report was made for a notice of motion in the September mtg.

That beach access improvements be included in the Denman Island Parks and Greenways service and maintained through the DIRA operating agreement. And further, that DIRA supports the CVRD parks service to apply for a permit from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to modify the road right of ways where the road terminates at the beach, to prevent vehicle access to the beach with the exception of emergency vehicles.

A suggestion was made to invite a Telus rep and a FLNRO rep to be included in this conversation.

Action: The Executive will make an effort to invite these reps.

8. Liaison Reports

Islands Trust: Farm Plan committee was struck five years ago. An informational document was published for the support of farming and food security on Denman. The next step is implementation. A steering committee is required, it was publicized resulting in two respondents. It is essential to have more participants for a broad representation.

The last mtg. was fairly intense. David Critchley will be reporting the last mtg in the local paper. Next mtg. is September.

Trust wide is the preparation of a State of the Islands report.

Questions:

Is the Trust tracking the lack of rental units on the Island? Very informally.

How is the relationship-building developing with the First Nations?

It has come to a bit of a standstill. The Trust received a Community to Community Forum grant for the setting up of an event to create dialogue between Denman and the K'omoks First Nations. We do not have a place at the table during the Treaty negotiations.

Ferry Advisory Committee: a recent breakdown occurred. BC Ferries solved the problem quickly. Frank wrote a letter asking for information and stating Islanders desire for a reliable vessel. The response was not favourable.

It was reported that drivers are not paying attention to the loading etiquette. They phoned in the details and BC Ferries is not willing to hire a staff member to monitor this.

It was voiced that we need to put the pressure on BC Ferries to provide us with quality communication

A suggestion was made to form a vigilante committee to monitor the line up during high season.

It was reported that the Fire Department sold 500 pancake breakfasts, the largest number ever.

Denman Works!

9. Meeting Adjourned