

## **Denman Island Residents Association General Meeting January 11, 2016**

Present: Executive Members: Doug Wright, Denise MacKean, Ron Shepherd  
Chair: Frank Frketich  
Minute Taker: Laurie Montemurro

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30, 18 members in attendance.
2. **Motion** to approve agenda, **Carried**
3. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 General Meeting, **Carried**
4. **Executive Report:**
  - a. It has been brought to the Executive's attention that DIRA may not be fulfilling the 2009 agreement to protect the Telus cable. There are some sections by the Community Dock that may be a safety issue. Frank will try to arrange an on-site meeting between Telus and the DIRA Executive members before the next General meeting in February. Currently the cable is well buried.
  
  - b) Update on Waste Management Review: The Executive discussed this at their last meeting and want to review their proposal with the current employees before bringing it before the membership. This meeting is scheduled for January 23. More specifics will be available at the February meeting.
  
  - c) The Old School Committee is contracting Michael Rapati to replace windows on the south side (weavers room) for \$5,000 plus extra costs should the framing require additional work. This has been approved by the Executive.
5. **Old Business:** None.
6. **New Business:**
  - a) The Marine Guardians are applying for a grant in aid.  
**Motion:** That the DIRA Marine Guardians apply for a CRVD Grant in Aid in the amount of \$1,600 to be used for furthering our objectives "to communicate and work with all other organizations, ministries, local residents, agencies or governments to protect and preserve Denman Island beaches and foreshore areas."  
**Carried.**
  
  - b) Financial Review:  
**Motion:** That Paul Kaback be appointed to carry out a review of DIRA's year end Consolidated Financial statement.  
**Carried.**  
The cost last year was approximately \$780.

c) DIRA signing officers:

**Motion:** That Bob French be removed as a signing officer of DIRA due to his resignation from the Executive after exemplary service.

Further that Denise MacKean and Laurie Montemurro be added as signing officers for DIRA.

Therefore the DIRA signing officers will include Frank Freketich, Doug Wright, Denise MacKean and Laurie Montemurro.

**Carried.**

## 7. Committee Reports:

a. Community Dock: The monitoring camera are installed still working out the details.

b. Boat Launch: DIRA is still going through the approval processes as required by the Ministry. We are at the last stage now and moving forward.

c. Graham Lake Swim Dock: concerns regarding an old dock and floating debris in the lake, how to clean it up and who is responsible? Laura Bushiken mentioned this to the Regional District and they said they would look into it. DIRA is aware of the issue and waiting for better weather conditions to assess the situation.

d. Wildlife Advisory: concerns were raised regarding the length of duck hunting season and the noise involved.

e. Marine Guardians: Information sent to Holly Wood, the shellfish rep for Denman Island, for distribution to the growers working tenures here regarding the damage caused by driving on the beach. Requests were sent out to various agencies for support to post signage at beach access points stating no driving on the beach.

## 8..Other Reports:

a. Denman WORKS! Reported that John Roberts and Denise MacKean have resigned as board members. New Board members include Evan Penner, Lindsay Jennings, Jenny Villard, Pam Willis, Dawn Stofer and Simon Palmer.

The next meeting. is Friday January 15. Wind Rombough is resigning her position as Administrator. this job will be posted soon.

There is \$24,000 available for Community Grant Projects, the advertising for these applications will be out soon.

Denman Works is purchasing access rights to a website listing donor organizations. This website should enhance the potential for current grant information to be accessible for those who request the Grant Facilitator's assistance.

b. Islands Trust, first meeting of the year is Tuesday in the Activity Centre. The Trust is one of the groups actively looking at the driving on the beach issue with other stakeholders.

They are closer to setting up a mtg. with the K'omoks First Nation.  
The Trust CAO has retired and with the new one starting changes will occur.  
Bylaw for Visitor accommodation cooking facilities is going thru the off Island approval process.

Salt Spring Island will be holding a referendum to gauge the support for becoming a municipality. The outcome of this vote will determine whether access to Trust resources will change as Salt Spring contributes a significant sum to the tax base.

c. Ferry Advisory Committee. On January 18th committee members will get a tour/ride on the new cable ferry. BC Ferries expect to receive Transport Canada approval soon. After the 18th the Ferry will start running intermittently and by early February should be running full time.

The Scheduling committee voiced their concerns at a recent meeting regarding the mid-day gap and the short summer season. BC Ferries wanted to know what is happening on our islands that might create more traffic this warranting a longer season. Suggestions included the planned expansion of the marina at a Ford's Cove, the Cross Island Trail and related cycle tours, new affordable housing initiatives and marketing the longest cable ferry ride.

**Motion to adjourn, Carried**