

Denman Island Residents Association General Meeting March 13, 2017

Present: Doug Wright, Treasurer, Ron Shepherd, co-chair, Denise MacKean, chair, 7 members

Meeting called to order at 7:32 P.M.

Motion to approve the agenda carried. Recent break-ins on the Island were added to the posted agenda.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2017 carried.

Executive Report:

Our CVRD Service Agreement has been renewed for a further three years and now expires December 31, 2019.

New cheque signatories have been approved for the Waste Management bank accounts.

Correspondence has been received from Islands Trust indicating that the dispute with Mr. Stoneman has been settled in the courts by consent. It has been determined there is no further action DIRA can take.

We are aware of a need to update and keep current our website and will look at this more carefully. Sending email notifications to members prior to meetings was suggested as a way to encourage more participation.

A member suggested the possibility of hiring a part time administrative assistant to maintain the web site and other DIRA records.

The Treasurer reported that the accounts are in balance at year-end and there is approximately \$9,000 in general funds, \$8,000 in committee funds and \$3,000 in UBCU share capital on hand. Detailed information will be provided at the AGM on April 10, 2017.

New Business:

Break-Ins: There have been a number of reports of break-ins on the Island. The RCMP was queried regarding this and reported that they have received 17 calls regarding Denman Island year to date. There has been one break-in reported and 16 "other" reports. The "other" category includes thefts not involving a break-in, car call-outs and vandalism. The residents are concerned about the recent rash of thefts on the Island and ideas such as a community meeting with the RCMP and a more active police presence on the Island were suggested. DIRA will pursue these options further with the RCMP.

Residents are encouraged to report all break-ins and vandalism to the RCMP so that they are better able to assess the level of this type of activity on the Island.

Committee Reports:

Waste Management: An advertisement has been run in The Grapevine to fill the assistant manager's position. Extended hours are being considered for the summer months.

Parks: B.C. Parks is in the initial stages of developing a management plan for the Denman Island Provincial Park and will be meeting with representatives of the various user groups for input. Morning Beach Park stairs are still closed. Volunteers from the Parks and Trails committee are hoping to fix the stairs in April 2017.

Denman West Boat Launch: Little use recently due to snow and bad weather. Ramp is cleaned every 6 weeks or so and is in good shape.

Pesticide Free: CVRD will be allocating \$1,500 this year for broom removal. An ad will be run to hire residents to do this work.

Community Dock: There is an abandoned boat at the dock with outstanding mooring fees. The dock committee will be handling.

Liaison Reports:

Islands Trust: Laura Busheikin reported a meeting was hosted by Marine Stewards and attended by various government and environmental representatives. Salt Spring Island will be holding a referendum regarding changing their status to a municipality. A shellfish farm application has been made to FLNRO for a site on the west side of the Island currently not zoned for aquaculture. The proposal would have to be referred to Islands Trust for public discussion if it is acceptable to FLNRO.