

Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting June 12, 2017

Present: Doug Wright, Treasurer, Ron Shepherd, chair, Andrew Pringle, secretary and 6 members

Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M.

Motion to approve the agenda - NO QUORUM

Motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2017 and May 15, 2017- NO QUORUM

Executive Report:

Recreation grant applications close on June 17th. The outcome will be presented at the next DIRA public meeting on July 10th.

The external financial review is in progress.

New Business:

1. The following suggestions/comments were made regarding improved DIRA communication and member participation:

- an email should be sent to all members prior to public meetings,
- find a new director familiar with communication and social media,
- send a welcome letter to all new residents to explain DIRA (mission statement and purpose),
- call a special meeting to ask the community for help,
- free welcome night with food (meet and greet),
- survey members to find out why they don't attend meetings,
- pay someone on Denman Is. who has communication skills, and
- publish articles in the Grapevine and Facebook to explain the purpose of DIRA.

2. Updated By-Laws:

Bert Taylor is currently reviewing DIRA by-laws and new Society Act regulations. As part of this process we need to look at the minimum number of executive and public members required to reach a quorum. The number of executive members is less than required and public meetings do not always have enough members to pass new business.

Committee Reports:

Public Dock: Clean-up has been completed and new signs have been posted.

Ferry Advisory: A presentation was made to BC Ferries by residents impacted by traffic and associated safety problems when vehicles are lined up on the road waiting for the Hornby ferry. As a result, a flagger will be on the road during the summer as required.

A longer term solution to traffic and safety issues on both sides of this ferry is desired.

The midday ferry gap at Denman West/Buckley Bay is going to be reduced in September and other schedule changes are being considered.

BC Ferries promised not to cancel more sailings due to crew shortages. Unless unavoidable.

A new class of ferry “minor 44 class” is going to replace the older minor route vessels.

Members expressed concern if ferry service is not be available after hours for medical emergencies - what are the options for after hour medical evacuation?

Liaison Reports: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.