

Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting October 16, 2017

Present: Doug Wright, Treasurer, Ron Shepherd, chair, Andrew Pringle, secretary, Frieda Werden and 8 members

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

Motion to approve the agenda - moved, seconded and all in favour

Motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2017 General Meeting- moved, seconded and all in favour

Executive Report:

Treasurer Report:

2018 budget preparation for CVRD has begun. The next DIRA public meeting will be the annual budget meeting with all committees present.

An invoice for \$6,304 has been received and will be paid which will provide insurance and liability coverage for the recycling buildings and the old school. The cost is shared by the Old School and DIRA.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. A group on Denman has taken the initiative to contact the Ministry of Highways and Emcon to try to resolve road issues. They are also gathering names on a petition. This is not a DIRA committee and we do not have an update.

2. The Denman West Boat Ramp volunteer maintenance is ongoing. There have not been any complaints about a slippery surface or anything else and there was no vandalism over the summer. The only problem is that the \$4 user fee is often not being paid. Year-to-date \$164 has been collected.

A member suggested putting up a clear sign to let users know that the user fee is used to pay insurance and maintenance. The sign could also remind users that \$25 will let them use the launch as often as they wish for one year.

Doug Wright to approach the regional district to explore options for funds to cover the shortfall at this facility.

3. The Denman/Hornby Health Care Society is looking for a DIRA liaison. Denise MacKean and Frieda Werden may volunteer to be the DIRA contacts to keep the lines of communication open.

4. ADIMS annual beach clean up was a huge success. They had more support from the government and the shellfish industry this year compared to prior years. ADIMS also presented a movie called The Living Salish Sea in the front hall to a good size audience.

Committee Reports:

Graham Lake Committee: Due to an incident this summer it became apparent that a

life ring is needed for emergencies. A life ring and a post to hang it on will be installed prior to next summer. Also, a \$500 Recreation Grant has been received which will pay for insurance and maintenance.

Waste Management Committee: The new schedule for the Recycling Centre is: Sat 9:30 -12:30 and Wed 4:00 - 7:00 The ReUsables store will only be open on Saturday 9:30 to 12:30. The Bottle Depot is open Sat 9:30 to 12:30, Wed. 4:00 to 7:00 and Thur. 2:00 to 5:00.

Community Dock Committee: Doug reported that there has not been any trouble this summer.

Trails Committee: The new section of the Island Trail (about 1K) from Corrigan Road to Swan Road has begun and is expected to be completed this year.

Marine Guardians Committee:

Ferry Advisory Committee: Frank reported that 2 teachers going to Hornby occasionally do not get on the ferry if it is full. The Advisory Committee has supported their request for assured loading and passed the request to BC Ferries for approval.

Three more lead officers will be trained by the end of October which should ensure there is enough crew available to make any extra runs required by the ambulance service possible.

Hornby has requested half of all morning runs on the BSC.

BC Ferries has proposed shuttling all morning with no schedule with a minimum of 9 cars.

Appreciation was expressed for the new schedule and the crew who always work hard to load as many cars as possible.

The Ministry of Transportation will be rolling back all fares in 2108 by 15% and reinstate the seniors discount.

Liaison Reports:

Islands Trust, Laura Busheikin provided a synopsis of the recent Design Charette. Although there is no budget to move any of the initiatives ahead she explained that any group can select any one or more of the ideas and apply for a grant from Denman Works to fund it. Islands Trust is trying to encourage affordable housing by reducing the rezoning fee to \$1,000 (from \$5,000 for any other rezoning).

Islands Trust also continues to work with Growers and Producers on the Farm Plan.

Islands Trust has received some feedback regarding driving on the beach but would like to hear from more farmers.

Islands Trust is in the early stages of setting up a cooperative initiative with the World Wildlife Fund. This is a long term initiative to improve communication between the many agencies involved. Laura suggested this may involve multi-stakeholder cooperation.

Islands Trust keeps a list of derelict boats and if anyone on Denman is aware of a derelict boat they would like to be informed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.