

Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting November 13, 2017

Present: Doug Wright, Treasurer, Ron Shepherd, chair, Andrew Pringle, secretary, Frieda Werden and 11 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 October 16, 2017 General Meeting- moved, seconded and all in favour

New Business: Budget Presentations

1. Fire Rescue: John Ralston advised that 2017 has been a very difficult year for the first responders due to a record number of call-outs (over 130) with over half requiring medical assistance and some of the calls have affected first responders due to their personal interaction with people involved. The fire Department is requesting a \$2,000 increase over their 2017 budget for operating expenses of \$126,700 in 2018.

Motion to support the Fire Department budget. 1'st, 2'nd and all in favour.

2. Bill Mee Park: Doug presented the 2018 budget showing operating expenses of \$3,485 which is unchanged from the previous year.

Motion to approve, 1'st, 2'nd and all in favour.

3. Old School: The 2018 budget is \$100 less than the previous year with operating expenses of \$13,400. New windows will be installed soon.

Motion to approve, 1'st, 2'nd and all in favour.

4. Waste Management: Lyndsey Jennings presented the 2018 budget with comparisons to 4 previous years. For 2018 revenue is projected to be \$88,365 and expenses are projected to be the same. The garbage pick-up contract comes to an end at the end of 2018 so this will need to be renegotiated. Mike Nester and Stacey Armstrong are working with the CVRD to expand pick-up to include larger items from time-to-time.

Motion to approve, 1'st, 2'nd and all in favour.

5. Bottle Depot: Lyndsey Jennings reviewed the Bottle Depot operations with budgeted \$56,336 revenue and \$53,942 expenses and a small profit of \$2,393 for 2018.

Motion to approve, 1'st, 2'nd and all in favour.

6. DIRA Administration: Doug presented the proposed 2018 administration costs for DIRA which total \$7,296. This amount is mainly recovered from committees with \$700 coming from administering the Rec Grant.

Motion to approve, 1'st, 2'nd and all in favour.

7. Community Dock: Doug presented the Community Dock budget for 2018 with

\$5,800 revenue and the same amount of expenses. Expenses includes a building fund of \$1,850 for future enhancements which the committee is considering.

Motion to approve, 1'st, 2'nd and all in favour.

Edi Johnston gave the following report regarding a back-up for when the Baynes Sound Connector is not running. The Denman Ambulance Station Unit Chief, Jeremy Cartier found a water taxi company willing to make the necessary vessel modifications to carry a stretcher between Denman and Comox. They can sail in winds up to 50 knots and would bring a paramedic crew to meet the local paramedics and our firefighters. They will also take one family member. There was a combined orientation on Oct 27th to provide this service if the cable ferry is not running.

8. Marine Guardians: Edi Johnston said the Marine Guardians are not projected to have any revenue or expenses for 2018.

In Sept, the Marine Guardians made a presentation to the Island's Trust during their quarterly meeting on Denman. Their PowerPoint presentation highlighted some of the shellfish industry harmful practices. It was well received with the following response:

The Trust Council passed a resolution to direct the chair to write a letter to the Min of Fisheries and Oceans requesting the study of the impacts of aquaculture industry modification in the intertidal zone of the Trust area and particularly the Baynes Sound/Lambert Channel intertidal zone.

Staff is preparing a report on geoduck aquaculture, which may address your suggestion for a moratorium on shellfish applications.

Also, later in November, MaryJane and Howard Stewart will be representing Denman Island at CPAWS (Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society) "Take Back the Wild" which is a 3 part conservation training session whose goal "is to bring a diverse and passionate group of people together to learn from local leaders in conservation, to engage in dialogue on key components of campaign planning and to inspire regional conservation in action.

MG's want to rely on DIRA support and continue to be open to suggestions on how to protect our shores and water. New members are always welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.