

Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting January 8, 2018

Present: Doug Wright, Treasurer, Ron Shepherd, chair, Andrew Pringle, secretary and 4 members

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

Motion to approve the agenda - no quorum

Motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2017 - no quorum

1. Communication Update:

Ron has established an email list of expired memberships (about 60) and sent a reminder to those residents to renew their 2017 and 2018 memberships so they are able to vote on issues. Many of those emails have resulted in renewals.

A member suggested contacting Riane deSilva at Denman Works to ask if she will post meeting reminders on the appropriate Facebook Denman Island bulletin boards.

Another member suggested reminding people about the importance of having the opportunity to participate in community discussions.

2. DIRA Executive:

There was some discussion related to the lack of community interest in being involved on the DIRA executive. Ron asked for help identifying new executive members.

A member suggested advertising and went on to say we need to stress why we need to keep DIRA alive.

3. Roads Meeting from Nov/2017:

A non-DIRA group (Edi Johnson presented) met with representatives from EMCON and the Ministry of Transportation to discuss the poor quality of the roads on Denman. Edi is researching our road classifications to determine what we are entitled to. Road classification is based on the amount of traffic.

For routine maintenance complaints residents should be calling the following (in this order): Colin Barkley 250-335-2711, then Robb Graham and finally Stu Westwood (Ops manager for this area)

EMCON provided emergency contact numbers (and the order these should be used) as follows:

1. EMCON office in Cumberland during business hours 250-336-8897
2. EMCON 24 hour Comm Centre 250-353-3136
3. Ministry 24 hour Comm Centre 604-660-9771
4. Road Superintendent Robb Graham 250-218-3850
5. Road Foreman Jeff Smith 250-218-3850
6. Quality Assurance Andrew Gaetz 250-218-4694
7. Ops Manager Stew Westwood 250-218-8006

4. Islands Trust:

A letter has been sent to DFO based on Islands Trust research into geoduck aquaculture and requesting a study into the effect on the ecosystem.

Islands Trust will be hosting a forum to discuss locally in April. Islands Trust has partnered with World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to look at the health of Baynes Sound.

5. Marine Guardians:

Mary Jane and Howard Stewart attended a conference sponsored by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPWS) "Take Back the Wild" with the goal of learning how to protect the marine environment. The focus was on establishing a protected marine area in the southern gulf islands. 3 days were spent on Salt Spring Island to mobilize ideas and another 2 days in Victoria to learn about ways to establish alliances and networks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.