

Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting March 12, 2018

Present: Doug Wright, Treasurer, Ron Shepherd, chair, Andrew Pringle, secretary and 7 other members

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

Motion to approve the agenda - no quorum

Motion to approve the previous minutes - no quorum

New Business:

1. Preliminary Discussion Regarding Proposed Constitution Changes:

The constitution changes which Bert Taylor identified will be presented at the annual general meeting in April for approval by the membership.

The changes are as follows (in red):

Section 3.2

In all matters the members at a General Meeting are the final authority of the Association. They may, by **Special Resolution**, give direction to the Board of Directors and may also overrule a decision of the Board of Directors.

Comment: This is to comply with the Society Act.

Section 3.5

At all meetings of the Association any member may **rise on a question of privilege to move that** any issue be decided by secret ballot.

Comment: This is to correct a procedure and comply with Roberts Rules of Order. Currently the section reads ... any member may request, by resolution ... Bert said that if there is another motion already on the floor there can't be a new motion put forward except in the case of privilege.

Other constitution changes proposed by the DIRA executive:

Minimum number of meetings per year

Public Meetings	now 10	proposed 6
Executive Meetings	now 10	proposed 6

This proposal generated a lot of discussion. Members comments were as follows:

- members voiced concern regarding the perception that DIRA is in a downward spiral,
- members stressed the need for new residents to become familiar with DIRA,

- Ron challenged everyone present to help - ask people you know if they can help on the board,
- Ron said we really need a communication person to help produce better communication between islanders and DIRA,
- a member suggested paying an honorarium to someone to help with the communication,
- a member volunteered to design a graphic/description of DIRA and the committees which could be inserted into the Grapevine or Lookout (will also include the garbage and recycling schedule),
- a member had an interesting comment regarding the importance of local decision making (if Denman was to adopt the Blue Box Program which the CVRD would like to implement then we would likely need to give up the recycling centre and the old school would not receive rent and the recycling program would not be as good as it currently is). Bob was encouraged by other members to help disseminate this sort of historical information and volunteered to provide an article for the Grapevine or Lookout.

Other constitution changes proposed by the DIRA executive:

Quorum at meetings:

Public	now 12	proposed 3
Executive	now 4	proposed 3

There was some discussion as follows (which was not seen as viable because we don't want to alienate any of the committees from DIRA):

- why not have 1 member from each committee serve on DIRA executive,
- why not define the committee chair as a member of DIRA executive, and
- one member commented that if the executive were to make decisions which members disagreed with they can always call a special resolution.

No Committee Reports - due to the time, and all committees will have the opportunity to present at the AGM next month

Liason Report:

Islands Trust - Laura Busheikin advised that the public discussion had taken

place regarding the driving on the beach resolution and no further information could be received. A decision will be announced at the next Islands Trust meeting on May 1st.

Laura also advised that the Farm Implementation Plan is moving forward slowly. The process is slow due to the number of people and organizations involved. The goal is to support farmers. One example might be to allow Agro Tourism such as camping on farmland.

Laura also described the first (of three) planned meetings between the Islands Trust and the K'omoks First Nation. This was a trust building exercise to help determine areas of common interest. History and place names were discussed.

The Islands Trust chair spoke in Ottawa to a panel regarding abandoned vessels.

There are 2 affordable housing initiatives on Denman:

1. Seniors Housing - This is an ongoing and complicated process, and
2. Low Income Housing - no application has been received yet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.