

Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting June 11, 2018

Present: Ron Shepherd; chair, Doug Wright; Treasurer, Andrew Pringle; Secretary, and 10 other members

PART 1 - Public Meeting to Approve Recreational Grant Recommendations

1. Public meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. Presentation of Recreation Grant Committee Findings and Recommendations:

Jack Forsyth presented the following:

The grant committee this year was composed of Katherine Kimmins, John Andrew, and Jack Forsyth as elected chairperson. John was responsible for the effective advertising that appeared weekly in the Grapevine. Katherine maintained the Abraxas envelope that contained blank applications and was used for receiving completed ones. Final cut-off for applications was May 31.

This year we had five qualified applicants that met the requirements set out by the CVRD. The following list is the applicants and the amount of money they requested.

Denman Island Preschool Society	\$1,875.00
Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee	500.00
Denman Seniors and Museum Society	19,874.35
Denman Island Sailing and Paddling Society	7,500.00
Denman Island Community Education Society	11,000.00

The committee extensively reviewed each application paying close attention to the requirements that each applicant use the funds for physical activities that will benefit the diverse population on Denman Island. They took into consideration also the ability for each group to apply a user pay principle as well as their ability to find and receive other grants and alternative funding. The committee was impressed with the detail that applicants included with their submission. With an estimated 2018 CVRD grant of approximately \$20,000 we allocated \$20,175 to the five applicants knowing that the exact amount available, has not as yet been determined. The following is our recommendation:

Denman Island Preschool	\$1,875.00
Graham Lake Swim Dock	\$500.00
Denman Seniors and Museum Society	\$7,400.00
Denman Island Sailing and Paddling Club	\$3,000.00
Denman Island Community Education Society	\$7,400.00.

A member reminded everyone present that they could approve the recommendations as made, accept the recommendations with modifications or reject the recommendations.

A motion was made to accept the recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded and there was unanimous approval. MOTION PASSED

There was a motion to adjourn this portion of the public meeting, which was seconded, and all were in favour. MOTION PASSED

Part 1 adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

PART 2

1. General Meeting called to order at 7:40 P.M.
2. Motion to adopt the agenda was moved, seconded and all in favour - MOTION PASSED
3. Motion to approve minutes of May 14, 2018 was moved, seconded and all voted in favour - MOTION PASSED

Executive Report:

4. DIRA Executive Meeting with Scott Fraser, MLA Mid-Island Pacific Rim:
Ron summarized the DIRA executive half hour meeting with Scott Fraser on Thursday June 3, 2018. Our primary concern was with regard to the poor road maintenance, shellfish concerns, driving on the beaches, ferry back-up plan when they decommission the old Quinitisa dock and training for island residents who want to work in the home care industry. He took notes and was receptive to our concerns.

New Business:

5. Graham Lake Swim Dock Sign:
A resident complained to DIRA about a sign posted at the Graham Lake Swim Dock prohibiting dogs. The committee did not post that sign and were not aware of who put it up. The committee decided to try to resolve this in a positive way by restricting dogs only during peak hours/peak season times and they will put that information on a new sign.
6. Broom Pulling Project:
Broom pulling for 2018 has been completed with about \$4,000 spent on labour.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks Committee:

The CVRD has looked at the proposed Piercy Road park site and are in support of issuing a special use permit to convert this highways right-of-way into a park.

The Morning Beach Park stairs are still officially closed however the chain and sign have been removed by person(s) unknown. The CVRD is planning to change the beach access stair configuration and is working with the Islands Trust to get approval.

Wildlife Advisory Committee:

Dennis Forsyth presented some of the activities this committee has been involved with during the past year. They look after pest control (rat/racoon), problem dogs and wildlife rescue. There have been 6 incidents of deer hit by cars and responded to the rescue of a raven, owl, hummingbird and eagle. They also responded to cougar sightings and an American bullfrog, which was recently euthanized.

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Islands Trust:

Laura Busheikin informed that 2 weeks ago the Baynes Sound Forum was held with reps from the World Wildlife Fund, shellfish industry, BC government, ADIMS, herring fishery, and 3 different first nations. They were divided into 4 working groups to determine appropriate actions and create a network to meet regularly and work together towards common goals. David Critchley and Laura support this initiative and want to lead it with staff resources (if financially possible).

Islands Trust met with Scott Fraser and were impressed with interest in local issues. They spoke about aquaculture, housing on Denman and the ferry schedule.

Islands Trust is involved in the third meeting with the K'omoks First Nation which also involves reps from all local governments to discuss complicated issues and open lines of communication.

The concrete barriers dividing school property from the road were first installed to prevent people from parking in that spot. Laura is following up on removal and looking for public input.

Ferry Advisory:

BC Ferries is working on a plan to expand the Gravelly Bay Ferry Terminal to get more cars off the road. They are doing the same for Shingle Spit on Hornby.

The 8:00 A.M. Hornby Island reservation system is not working well for ferry workers due to aggressive confrontations with some drivers.

Emergency services at night was discussed because there is 1 or 2 nights every month when there is no way to get off Denman at night. There is no resolution to this.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45, seconded and passed.