

## Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting November 12, 2018

Present: Ron Shepherd, Doug Wright, Bob French, Andrew Pringle, Frieda Werden and 16 members

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2018 General Meeting- moved, seconded and all in favour - Passed

### **Budget Presentations**

1. Fire Rescue: John Ralston advised that the fire department has requested a budget from the CVRD for 2019 in the amount of \$126,650 which is the same as 2018, with only slight changes between some expense accounts. He explained that the buildings, vehicles, insurance and some staff are another part of the CVRD budget, beyond their control.

There were 2 highlights from 2018 which included the fire on Swan Road (which could easily have been much worse) and assisting with the Hornby School fire (which was very appreciated).

2. Waste Management: Bob French presented the 2019 budget with 2018 comparison numbers. 2019 revenue is projected to be \$89,333 and expenses are projected to be the same. The revenue requested from the CVRD for 2019 has increased \$5,018 from 2018. The garbage pick-up contract comes to an end at the end of 2018 and a new contract has been successfully concluded for the next 3 years with a slight increase.

Motion to approve budget, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favour - **Passed**

3. Bottle Depot: Bob French presented the Bottle Depot 2019 budget with 2018 comparison numbers. 2019 revenue is budgeted to be \$56,500 and expenses are budgeted to be \$55,550 for a small profit of \$950. Bob advised everyone that revenue projections in this business are very speculative.

Motion to approve budget, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favour - **Passed**

4. Old School: Gloria presented the 2019 budget which is the same as 2018 with revenue and expenses of \$13,400. The windows have all been replaced and in 2019 they plan to replace some fluorescent lighting with LED lights.

Motion to approve budget, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favour - **Passed**

5. Bill Mee Park: Ralph McCuaig presented the 2019 budget showing operating expenses of \$3,485 which is unchanged from the previous year.

Motion to approve budget, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and all in favour - **Passed**

6. Community Dock: Fox presented the Community Dock budget for 2019 with \$4,500 revenue expected from moorage and the same amount of expenses. Expenses include utilities, insurance, maintenance and the wharfinger honorarium.

Motion to approve budget, 1'st, 2'nd and all in favour - **Passed**

7. Doug presented the DIRA draft 2019 general budget which is an accumulation of all the committees. Total revenue is budgeted to be \$174,460 and "available" expenses are budgeted to be \$179,185.

Doug walked us through each line of the budget and explained one new item for 2019. Professional accounting assistance of \$1,500 has been allocated to standardize (improve) reporting and consolidate the DIRA financial statements.

Motion to approve budget, 1'st, 2'nd and all in favour - **Passed**

### **Committee Reports:**

8. Waste Management: A new 3 year garbage pick-up contract has been awarded to SunCoast and new drainage has been installed at the recycling centre and bottle depot.

Stacey Armstrong (Waste Management manager) is negotiating with the CVRD for a new cardboard bailer.

9 Bill Mee: After damage to the parking lot during 2018 a new gate post and concrete barriers have been installed.

10. Parks: The stairs at Morning Beach Park have been repaired and reopened.

11. Marine Guardians: In September MG's participated in the local beach clean up and delivered over 200 baskets/trays, over 40 cargo nets, ropes, floats and helped sort 6 tons of beach debris. MG's also sent a letter to CVRD Parks (cc Islands Trust) asking them to consider "beach walks" as part of the Greenways Master Plan. In October MG's participated in the Shellfish Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee Working Group on Environmental Performance with other groups such as First Nations, provincial orgs, DFO, and shellfish industry reps.

12. Community Dock: Fox explained that the three dock buoy anchor blocks and tackle have been inspected (and filmed). All 3 are in good condition and considered serviceable for another year. Plans for a new dock breakwater have been drawn and further study needs to be done to determine suitability and cost. The wharfinger has done an excellent job maintaining and inspecting the facility and has agreed to continue next year. Also, Doug Wright volunteering to salt the ramp has been a big help with safety.

There has been a recent report of a theft from a boat.

### **Liaison Reports:**

13. Islands Trust: Laura Busheikin and David Critchley have been acclaimed for another 4 year term and a new chair will be elected soon. The new Islands Trust Council had their first meeting in Victoria to prioritize community issues which include affordable housing, First Nation communication, tourism and the environment.

There is a local trust meeting next week with 2 housing applications working their way through the system.

The Islands Trust and K'omoks First Nation event on Denman was a big success with over 100 islanders attending.

Islands Trust has submitted an invitation to the public to comment on a proposed cannabis operation (min. 2,500 sq. feet).

Islands Trust passed a resolution making affordable housing a staff priority.

14. Ferry Advisory: Franck Frketich said that the biggest issue they are trying to deal with is the extremely long wait times to and from Hornby Island in the summer. The problem seems difficult to solve. In response to a brainstorming session the following ideas were discussed (without judgement): shuttle more, extend the day (earlier ferry), look at getting more money from the province, a second ferry at Buckley Bay/Denman West, surcharge for reservations, time of day pricing, shuttle bus across Denman (fewer cars), and a water taxi directly from Buckley Bay to Hornby.

BC Ferries said the Baynes Sound Connector has resulted in significantly savings in fuel and labour although there is a lot of maintenance which they expect in a new system.

They are also discussing assured loading for home care workers travelling between Denman and Hornby.

The Island Trust sign is going to be moved again to a more suitable location.

All new vessels are going to be dual fuel (oil and natural gas).

Ferry rates will not be increasing until at least 2020.

The current term for the Ferry Advisory Council ends in December and new members will be appointed for another 5 year term. They are allowed to run for 2 terms and Frank is OK running again.

Money has been allocated for changes at Gravelly Bay but no specific decisions have been made yet.

Traffic management at Gravelly Bay was much better this year than in the past.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.