

Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting January 14, 2019

Present: Robert French; chair, Doug Wright, Andrew Pringle, Frieda Werden, and 6 members

1. Public Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. Motion to adopt the agenda - moved, seconded and all in favour - PASSED
3. Motion to approve minutes from November 12, 2018 - moved, seconded and all in favour - PASSED

4. Chair Report:

Robert French let everyone know that the Sailing Club on Denman (not-for-profit organization) was looking at options to provide their members with insurance at an affordable rate. One of those options may be to become a member of DIRA if that provided the most appropriate and affordable insurance option. They are not looking for funding - just cheaper insurance.

5. Committee Reports:

Waste Management Committee:

Due to the expanded volume at the recycling centre new extended hours will be as follows:

Saturday 9:00 to 1:00

Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00

Also, a new program for electronics recycling is now available at the recycling centre.

Boat Launch Committee:

No winter damage (yet) and bleach has been applied to the ramp for safety.

Community Dock Committee:

New LED lighting has been installed and is on all night. In response to a concerned neighbour, it was explained that the light is directed downward and should not interfere with the night sky.

6. Liaison Reports:

None

7. Community Discussion: Road Maintenance and Repair:

This discussion was started with a statement from the Denman Island Roads Community Action Group (a non-DIRA group of residents) as follows;

The Road Group met with Mainroad on Oct 2, 2018 letting them know what their expectations and entitlement according to Schedule 21 were. Mainroad expected it would take a few months to come up to speed. It was also mentioned that a meeting with Min. of Transportation, Infrastructure Area Manager and Mainroad would be a good way to better understand who is responsible for what.

During the recent snowfall, road clearing was described as poor with only a plow truck and no grader. However, the following day everything was done (even roads which used to take several days to get plowed).

Some improvements have been noticed recently such as tree trimming on Denman Road and centre line painting on the ferry traffic route.

Robert French offered to look into the possibility of having a representative from Mainroad respond to resident questions and concerns.

Residents provided the following suggestions:

- take pictures of potholes and post on a website or Facebook,
- have a petition at the general store for residents to sign,
- have a pothole festival with prize for largest,
- complain to local Ministry of Transportation Office,
- complain to Mainroad (there is a spot on their website to provide comments),
- DIRA could write a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and/or our local MLA.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.