

Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) Trails Committee (TC) Report presented at the general meeting February 18, 2019

Chair, Alan Danks

Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD):

Cross Island Trail (CIT) – The CIT is continually maintained by the DIRA TC. The TC has purchased a second larger battery for our leaf blower, which is very efficient at removing smaller debris from the trail. The CVRD has purchased a few truckloads of fine gravel to be used for repairs to the trail and has stored the gravel at the Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department (DIVFD) parking area. The CVRD is still entertaining the extension of the CIT (currently ending at the East Road/Corrigal Road intersection) along East Road to Owl Crescent. Agreements with private landowners would need to be negotiated, environmental and engineering concerns would need addressing. The CVRD is also working on the West Ferry to Downtown section, specifically the Kirk Road connection to the existing trail along the beach that runs North from the ferry terminal. They are meeting with an engineering firm in the next couple of weeks as they will do some initial surveying to see where the Kirk Road right of way boundaries are and where and what shape of staircase could be built to link the existing beach trail to the paved portion of Kirk Road.

Flail Mower – The trails committee is in the process of purchasing a flail mower for more efficient trail maintenance. The purchase will be funded by the Parks Committee (PC), the TC, and the Denman Firefighters Association has agreed to cover two-thirds of the cost.

BC Parks:

Trail maintenance was carried out in the northlands portion of the Park on January 4th, and storm cleanup of fallen trees and trail maintenance was carried out in Boyle Point Park on February 2nd.

BC Parks recently provided replacement chainsaw bars, chains, and bar oil for our various saws, and provided brush blades for our brush cutters.

