

General Meeting Monday, June 10, 2024

Attendees: Ron Shepherd (chair), Andrew Pringle, Jenny Balke, Chris Danks and Claudia Kroll-Gray plus 17 residents

Part A:
Public Meeting to Approve Recreation Grant

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM in the Back Hall in the Community Hall

Recreation Grant Committee applications and proposed allocations as follows;

	Applied for:	Allocation:
DIRA Denman West Dock	\$ 8,200	\$ 7,000
DICES	\$10,000	\$ 9,000
DIRA Graham Lake Swim Dock	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,800
Preschool Society	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Gathering Place @ United Church	\$ 2,016.75	\$ 1,700
Golf Club	\$ 1,500	0
PickleBall Club	\$ 1,000	0
Old School Centre	<u>\$ 5,054</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$34,770.75	\$23,000

Denman Island Golf Club is ineligible, not a non-profit

Denman Island PickleBall Club has a large membership to fundraise

Old School Centre not offering fitness or sports programs

There was a motion to approve the recreation grant recommendations, motion was seconded and all voted in favour.

MOTION PASSED

DIRA will forward these recommendations to the CVRD for final review and approval.

There was a motion to adjourn this part of the public meeting at 7:40, motion was seconded and all voted in favour.

MOTION PASSED

Part B:

General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM in the Back Hall at the Community Hall

1. Motion to clarify agenda item “Community Dock Update”, this is not a dock update but is an emergency responder use of the Community Dock update.

Motion seconded and all voted in favour of the clarification - MOTION PASSED

2. Motion to approve minutes from April 8, 2024 - MOTION PASSED

3. Liaison Report - Ferry Advisory Committee

The last BC Ferries Advisory meeting on May 28th was via web-ex with 2 BC Ferries managers, Hornby and Denman reps.

The Ferry Advisory Committee gave BC Ferries a list of priority demands. Denman and Hornby agree on the need to replace the Baynes Sound Connector and tandem sailings (2 boats) in Buckley Bay for 10 months, 7 days per week. Hornby wants up to half the deck space on all sailing reserved for Hornby however Denman does not agree with this item.

BC Ferries will be providing 2 months (July and August) tandem service, 5 days per week.

The new electric ferries will be deployed in larger communities such as Nanaimo and Campbell River. No new vessels are scheduled for Denman or Hornby.

There may be a community engagement meeting on July 5th. Details regarding providing a safe venue for staff to attend is being worked out.

There is also some discussion with BC Ferries to get some funding for the dock since it is used for their crew changes when needed. The water taxi, used for emergency evacuations does not pay for the use of the dock.

4. Emergency Services Use of the Community Dock

Emergency use statistics are very difficult to obtain. Provincial health contracts with a water taxi service but they have a nondisclosure agreement. BC Ambulance regards these statistics as confidential. Board member Claudia, will continue to research and follow-up with local politicians.

5. Liaison Report - Association of Denman Island Marine Stewards (ADIMS)

ADIMS started in 1995 and later became a registered charity, to share information with the community for the healthy wellbeing of the marine ecosystem. ADIMS is co-managed with first nations.

Baynes Sound and Lambert Channel is a very unique soft bottom, shallow and sheltered marine environment which is very attractive to animals. At the north end of Denman, the water speeds up and tumbles, putting more oxygen into the water and releasing nutrients from the bottom. Food is produced in great quantities at both ends of Baynes Sound.

Due to the significance of this area, there are 29 official and independent plans or mandates for Baynes Sound.

ADIMS has been sponsoring the annual beach clean-up for over 20 years. Most of the debris collected is from the shellfish industry. The Provincial Government will pay any applicant to clean-up and the Federal Government subsidizes the shellfish growers to pick up debris.

A Baynes Sound/Lambert Channel forum started 5 years ago to work together. There are 9 members on the steering committee which includes shellfish growers, First Nations and Denman reps.

The dungeness crab larva study at the dock is part of a larger project to study populations at various locations around the Georgia Strait.

Over the May long weekend there was vandalism to the dungeness crab larvae trap. New equipment is scheduled to be installed so the crab larva research can continue.

6. Liaison Report - Islands Trust

The 2024 budget has been approved.

The local trustees are considering changes to housing regulations, such as the number of allowable dwellings and the legal ability for people to share land. Changes (including elimination) are being discussed regarding the Temporary Use Permit. The current “density bank” which is used to plan/limit new construction is redundant since the increased number of houses allowed within the Agricultural Land Use regulations exceeds the current balance in the ‘bank’.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM - MOTION PASSED