

Final Report to the DIRA AGM on the activities of the VIRL/DIRA Liaison function for 2008/09

The role of VIRL/DIRA Liaison has existed for at least the past four years. Up until the end of the 07/08 DIRA year, it amounted to nothing much more than a few communications with the then VIRL Director of Support Services Martin Gavin enquiring about the status of the proposed Denman Library. We had been advised some years ago that 2008 would see some action. Essentially the plan was that VIRL would advertize for expressions of interest to house a VIRL Branch on Denman.

With the decision in late 2008 by the VIRL Board of Directors to hire a consultancy firm to review all of its facility standards, future building projects were effectively put on hold.

It is 2009 and very little has happened. Recent communications with Rosemary Bonnano, the Executive Director of VIRL, indicates that the Library Board will, at their late March meeting, receive the draft Request for Proposal information which, if passed, will permit them to advertize for a consultant to do the review on BC Bid.

Awkward sentence aside, this clearly means it will be some months before the review is completed.

As the DIRA Liaison to VIRL, the primary activity I have engaged in this past year, aside from modest communication efforts, has been the completion of the terms of reference for role of liaison. As you know, they were recently passed both by the DIRA Board and membership.

In the coming year I anticipate that the review by the yet to be retained consultant will potentially have some positive effect on the future installation of a Branch of VIRL on Denman Island.

Respectfully submitted

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Addendum

“Vancouver Island Regional Library Board is currently reviewing its facilities standards. Please be advised that the building standards and future building projects will be an item for discussion at the next meeting of the Board. Following that meeting I will be in contact regarding the status of the Denman Island building project.”

Regards,

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I received a call from this date (December 2 2008) from VIRL Executive Director Rosemary Bonnano. I had recently e-mailed a request for the 5 year plan to Fiona Anderson (VIRL Director of Systems and Technical Services) to refresh my memory about timing for the beginning of acquiring a library on Denman

Ms. Bonnano advised me that The VIRL board had decided this past weekend to begin a review process of all of their standards pertaining to libraries...e.g. size of population, space requirements etc. They will be issuing a RFP early in the New Year for a consulting firm to carry out this full scale review of all of their facilities.

Part of this review will include a needs assessment for Denman.

How all of this will unfold and what impact the consultants review will have on timing of a Denman Library is unknown at this time.