

# **Report to the April 8 2013 DIRA AGM on the activities of the VIRL/DIRA Liaison function for 2012/13**

## **Terms of Reference**

### ***DIRA Liaison to VIRL Mission Statement and Terms of Reference***

#### ***Mission Statement***

*To assist the community of Denman Island to acquire a branch of VIRL at the earliest possible moment*

#### ***Terms of Reference***

1. *As Denman is scheduled to acquire a VIRL branch at some point in the future, the role of the DIRA Liaison is to facilitate ongoing communications between the Denman Community, DIRA and VIRL*
2. *The DIRA Liaison to the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) will facilitate regular reciprocal communication between VIRL and DIRA by meetings and e-mail*
3. *The DIRA Liaison will recommend strategies to DIRA to keep the entire community and DIRA current on any developing initiatives related to the implementation of a VIRL Branch Library on Denman Island*

## **Report**

The increasingly modest role of VIRL/DIRA Liaison has existed for the past eight years. This past year, very little in the way of liaison activity has occurred. Overtures to the VIRL via Bruce Joliffe continue to move at an expected pace.

I believe we are at the tail-end of service delivery and can only expect a significant shift if and when VIRL is in a better financial situation.

Our CVRD rep I believe has been making progress in encouraging VIRL to explore alternate service models for communities such as ours who do not meet VIRL's current branch service model criteria. In the mean time, we do continue to benefit from Books by Mail.

## **Next Steps**

As you know, the Dora Drinkwater Community Library was closed for 6 months last year during the Hall renovations. It has reopened with a new energy, some volunteer turnover and some small but welcome shifts in programming, including a growing children's program and WIFI accessibility is a constant source of community reading and has a loyal troupe of volunteers.

The CVRD continues to provide, at our annual request a reasonably consistent contribution via Grants in Aid to allow the collection to be replenished. This is done in concert with smaller but nevertheless helpful streams of income.

On a personal note, while I am willing to continue this less-than-challenging volunteer position, I have been performing the role for a number of years and am more than willing to step aside if an energetic replacement is found.

Respectfully submitted on March 21, 2013

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