

Denman Island Residents Association Public Meeting May 13, 2019

Present: Ron Shepherd; chair, Robert French, Andrew Pringle, Frieda Werden and 11 members

1. Public Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

2 Additions to the agenda - 1. request from Denman Island Community Education Society (DICES) for DIRA support in increasing the annual Recreation Grant.

Motion to approve the revised agenda, moved, seconded and all in favour - PASSED

3. Motion to approve minutes from April 8, 2019- moved, seconded and all in favour - PASSED

4. **New Business:**

The DIRA board for 2019 will consist of:

Ron Shepherd - President,

Robert French - Vice-President,

Andrew Pringle - Secretary and Interim Treasurer

Ron continued to request new board members and explained the need for 2 new board members for long term continuity. One of the residents mentioned the lack of volunteers on most Denman Island organizations. Another resident suggested there should be more representation from committees. Another resident said that when the DIRA board is too small it lacks all the residents voices. No specific new board members were identified at this meeting.

The 5 year contract between DIRA and the CVRD is up for renewal at the end of this year.

5. **DIRA Committee Requests to Apply for Recreation Grants:**

The Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee would like to apply for a \$2,000 Recreation Grant to pay for repairs and insurance - not expansion.

The Denman West Boat Launch Committee would like to apply for a \$700 Recreation Grant to pay for insurance.

Neither committee receives funding from the CVRD.

A resident proposed a motion to approve the Graham Lake Swim Dock applying for a \$2,000 Recreation Grant and the Denman West Boat Launch applying for a \$700 Recreation Grant.

The motion was seconded and all voted in favour. PASSED

6. **Denman Island Community Education Society (DICES) Request for DIRA Support in Increasing the Annual Recreation Grant:**

DICES wrote a letter to the CVRD requesting an unspecified increase to the annual Recreation Grant and would like DIRA's support.

A resident mentioned that the grant was \$20,000 for many years and would like to know why it has been reduced to \$18,000 for 2019 (and \$19,000 for 2018).

There will be a meeting between CVRD staff and DIRA later in May where Ron will ask why the grant has to be decreasing.

For now, Ron will let DICES know that DIRA would like to get more information before getting involved.

7. **DIRA Internet Committee Revised Terms of Reference:**

A representative from the Internet Committee explained the need to revise their terms of reference to more accurately reflect what they are currently doing.

Ron read the first version of the revised terms of reference to the audience and there was some discussion regarding information which was not usually included in terms of reference such as a list of officers and history. A resident suggested that the terms of reference be reduced to include only roles and responsibilities. The rest of the information could be made available as a separate document.

Ron then read and a motion was made to approve the following:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Denman Island Internet Committee is a committee within DIRA (Denman Island Residents Association).

Purpose(s) of the Committee:

The Committee was formed in July 2018, in response to the widespread perception that Denman Island's broadband/internet services were inadequate, with the following purpose(s):

1. Gather information pertaining to broadband services on Denman Island, and potential improvements;
2. Inform Denman Islanders about their broadband internet service and options available to them;
3. Promote improved broadband service on Denman Island, including interaction with other "players" involved, such as Hornby Island entities (HICEEC), internet service providers (ISPs), regulators/governmental authorities (Islands Trust, Comox Valley Regional District, Strathcona Regional District, BC Ministry of Citizens' Services, Canadian Radio-Television Commission, Innovation Canada);
4. Inform DIRA of all significant activities.

The motion was seconded and all voted in favour. **PASSED**

8. **DIRA Committee Reports:**

Bill Mee Boat Launch:

Bill Mee was used less this year due to changes in fishing regulations. Gates are locked at Halloween and New Years Eve.

Denman West Boat Launch:

The ramp is no longer slippery as their **is** a good layer of barnacles growing and a new sign was posted with Doug Wright's name and phone number as a contact if required.

Marine Guardians:

The 40 BCIT ecological students had a successful visit and were taken to a Denman beach to look at the effects of sea level rise and discuss options for mitigation of shoreline erosion. The students made a \$50 donation to Marine Guardians.

Parks:

Yellow cedar was purchased for the construction of a small bridge to provide public access to the east side of Denman Island Provincial Park.

Waste Management:

Hours have been expanded for the summer to accommodate the increased volume and 4 new donation bins have been added for a total of 28 now.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.