

DIRA Executive Minutes
November 3, 2025
Old School - Conservancy Office

Attendees:

Jenny Balke (chair), Stirling Fraser, Tony Gregson, Virginia MacCuspig and Andrew Pringle

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.
2. Motion to approve draft minutes of Executive meeting on October 6, 2025, All in favour, MOTION PASSED
3. Motion to approve draft agenda for Executive Meeting on November 6, 2025, All in Favour, MOTION PASSED

DIRA Business / Finances

4. The DIRA budget for 2025 was submitted to the CVRD for approval. If approved, the CVRD will fund the following committees and activities;

Waste Management \$119,500

Pesticide Free Committee \$6,000

Trails Committee \$5,050

Parks Committee \$2,000

Bill Mee Park and Boat Launch Committee \$4,590

Recreation Grant Committee \$22,000

DIRA Administration \$14,464

4. The manager at the recycling centre has injured his wrist, due to heavy and repeated lifting. A Workers compensation board claim has been submitted. New employees have been hired so there will be no reduction in service.

The Waste Management Committee will be sending a letter to all downtown businesses and institutions to clarify the garbage bag sticker requirements. There is no standard at this time.

5. Georgette Hollingsworth, the chair of the 2025 Recreation Grant Committee has resigned and Sharron Clarke has agreed to take on that role in 2026.

6. DIRA sent a letter to our CVRD representative Danniell Arbour, which was reviewed and vetted by the Parks Committee and the Trails Committee, outlining a preferred route for the Cross Island Trail between Corrigan Road and Owl Crescent. Danniell has responded and is organizing a meeting for later this month.

7. A meeting has been scheduled for 9:30 AM on Thursday November 13th at the old school for DIRA executive members to discuss streamlining committee finances.
8. There is no new information regarding the potential move of the Recycling Centre and Bottle Depot to the fire hall.
9. The executive is starting to consider who will be on the board next year. Jenny (president) and Stirling (treasurer) are planning to retire in April 2026. No replacements have been identified.

10. **Issues to discuss at next public meeting:**

Emergency Preparedness Committee - needs a chair

Parks Committee - Laura Pope, the chair will make a presentation

Recreation Grant - Donna Wooly will present how the grant will be/was used

Child Care will be available

Next Public Meeting is November 10, 2025

Next Executive Meeting is December 1, 2025

Meeting Adjourned at 4:50.