

Denman Island Residents Association
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In attendance: Jenny Balke (Chair); Stirling Fraser (Treasurer); Andrew Pringle (Secretary); Tony Gregson (director).

The meeting convened at 4:02 PM

1.0 Minutes and Agenda

- 1.1 Approval of Minutes of Executive Meeting September 2, 2025: Approved unanimously without changes.
- 1.2 Approval of Minutes of Public meeting Sept. 15, 2025: Approved unanimously with no changes.
- 1.3 Agenda: Approved unanimously with no changes

2.0 DIRA Finances

2.1 *Summary/Update for Executive*

- The finance meeting of Treasurer (Sterling), Chair (Jenny), and Bookkeeper (Virginia MacCuspig) will not take place until November.

2.2 *Committee Finances*

- All committees submit a year-end report.
- The bookkeeper is aware of the expenses of all committees.
- Standardization of reporting requirements for committees should be reviewed.

3.0 ISSUES IN PREPARATION FOR PUBLIC MEETING

3.1 *Pesticide Free Committee*

Committee now has three new members chaired by Jennifer Veale.

3.2 *Emergency Preparedness*

ACTION: Put selection of a new chair to the next public meeting.

ACTION: Andrew Pringle to draw up an interim budget for presentation to the CVRD pending appointment of a new chair.

3.3 *Roads Committee*

No report.

3.4 *Animal Control*

HIRRA (Hornby island Ratepayers and Residents Association) has voted to endorse DIRA's request for support on Sept. 20, 2025. A letter from DIRA Chair (Jenny) has now gone forward requesting that the CVRD work with DIRA and HIRRA to fund the Animal Control Feasibility Study requested in 2020 with a view to inclusion under the CVRD Animal Control bylaw, especially in regard to dogs.

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3.5 Denman Island Climate Action Committee

No report.

3.6 Recreation Grants

ACTION: Invite the Graham Lake Swim Dock to present at the next public meeting on the use made of their grant.

3.7 Childcare at Public Meetings

Agreed to retain current monthly schedule of public meetings at 7:00 PM in the Back Hall with two hours of childcare.

3.8 Waste Management

The Committee toured the Firehall with a view to moving the Recycling Centre from the Old School/Market property once the new Firehall is built. The loss of Recycle Centre rental revenue would deprive the Old School Committee of a significant portion of their income.

4.0 Other Business

4.1 DIRA Publicity

ACTION: Tony Gregson to publish a monthly DIRA news update from minutes and canvassing of committees with pre-publication review by Executive.

5.0 Next Meeting and Adjournment

- Next Public meeting: Public Meeting October 20, 2025
- Next Executive meeting Nov 3, 2025
- The meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM

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Annex 1: Animal Control Study Letter to HIRRA

Animal Control Issues DIRA 2025

HIRRA

Thu, Aug 28, 4:49 PM)

Administrator <hornbyisresidentsratepayers@gmail.com> to DIRA,
me, Edina

Hello DIRA (Jenny and Edi),
The Executive have added

"MOTION requesting a CVRD Animal Control Bylaw feasibility study for Hornby and Denman"
to the Sept. 10 HIRRA public meeting agenda.
I will let you know the outcome.

Cheers, Reina LeBaron, Executive Administrator

Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association (HIRRA)
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With great appreciation, I acknowledge that I live on the traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation,
including formerly separate tribes of Pentlatch, E'iksán, Satsila, and Sahltoot peoples.

On Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 11:44 AM Edina Johnston <edijohnston@gmail.com> wrote:

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July 31, 2025

Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association

4305 Central Road, Hornby Island, BC, V0R 1Z0 Ph: (250) 335-1131 E-mail: office@hirra.ca

Dear HIRRA: request for CVRD animal control for both Hornby and Denman Islands

Dogs are great companions and additions to any household but they can cause problems when not properly trained. Chasing animals and even bike riders, being aggressive to people and animals, wandering and not being under the supervision of a responsible carer when out in public are just a few examples.

Which is why Hornby attempted to rectify the problem five years ago.

In September 2020 HIRRA sent a letter to the CVRD which stated- "In January 2020, at the direction of our membership, HIRRA requested that the CVRD undertake an animal control bylaw feasibility study for Hornby Island. We received a response from Jake Martens that recommended we bring forward a request for a joint feasibility study with Denman for 2021."

A CVRD Staff Report from October 22, 2020 stated that the Chief Administrative Officer recommended "THAT a feasibility study be conducted to explore options and costs associated with animal control services on Hornby Island and Denman Island in 2021; AND FURTHER THAT \$12,000 be included in the proposed 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan"

The CVRD decided not to move forward with the feasibility study at that time and no further work took place on the project. Then a more recent CVRD email stated that "Both DIRA and HIRRA were notified of this decision and can re-apply to the CVRD in the future if they would like to try again to have a study supported."

Due to the ongoing and increasing problem of uncontrolled dogs "at large" on Denman, at the June 9th, 2025 DIRA General Meeting, a motion was passed asking DIRA to re-submit a request to the CVRD to undertake an animal control bylaw feasibility study for Denman Island and ask HIRRA for support. The Area A Director for Hornby and Denman, Daniel Arbour and one of the Denman LTC who attended that meeting also spoke in favour of the proposal.

Therefore, the Denman Island Residents Assoc. would appreciate it if HIRRA could please discuss the possibility of re-applying along with DIRA in hopes of convincing the CVRD to follow through with the promised feasibility study for Animal Control on Hornby and Denman.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to your reply.

Respectfully, Jenny Balke DIRA Chair