

DRAFT
Denman Island Residents' Association
Annual General Meeting
April 20, 2009

Chair – Roxanna Mandryk

Note taker – Patti Willis

Other Executive members present: Derek Hood, Moira Webster, Harlene Holm, Liz Johnston, Bob French; regrets: Edi Johnston

Approximately 85 members in attendance

Call to order at 7:35 PM

Motion by Glen Snook to approve the minutes of Annual General Meeting of April 14, 2008 as read. Carried unanimously

Chair's Report (attached) was presented by Roxanna Mandryk. She made special acknowledgement of the many DIRA volunteers. Motion by Peter Karsten to approve the Chair's Report as read. Carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Derek Hood presented a “Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Surplus” (attached) for the period April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 as prepared by Lloyd Neufeld. Derek Hood moved acceptance of the report. Carried unanimously

Reports from tax supported organizations:

Waste Management Committee – Bob Whitehouse presented a financial report (attached). Discussion ensued regarding challenges facing recycling including a revenue short fall for the past 3 years, CVRD administrative fees, changes in market for recyclables and necessity of long distance transport to depots. Discussion also ensued about status of capital funds being held by CVRD. The Chair suggested bringing DIRA's concerns to the attention of the new CVRD General Manager, Community Services, Ian Smith. Bob Whitehouse moved acceptance of the report. Carried unanimously. Bob French acknowledged volunteers of the Recyclables Store and Recycling Depot. He also noted the support of the Denman General Store.

Bottle Depot – Bob Whitehouse presented the “Schedule of Receipts & Expenditures” for the year ending December 31, 2008 (attached). No motion regarding the report was put forth.

Denman Island Volunteer Fire Dept. - John Ralston presented a “Summary Report” outlining activities over the past year (attached) including retirement of long-time Fire Chief Kirk, election of a new Fire Chief, Don Luckett, acquisition of a new 7500 litre tanker truck and air compressor facility, attendance at numerous callouts, participation in training programs, and addition of new member, bringing the total number on the Department to the highest level in many years.

Ambulance Station: Don Luckett reported on the status of the new ambulance station project. He made reference to a document entitled “Proposed Ambulance Station – Planning Information”

(March 15, 2009), a copy of which has been given to the DIRA Board. A conference call was held on March 17 with participation of government officials, and on-island representatives from the DIVFD, BC Ambulance Service and DIRA. It was agreed that a long-term lease would be entered into as opposed to sale of the 1 ac property by the CVRD. Next steps: specifications for the station, negotiation of the lease, securing quotes and a siting & use permit. May 1, 2010 is the deadline for this project as the DIVFD will no longer continue the current ambulance station lease. Community pressure may be required to expedite the project at some point.

Denman Island Economic Enhancement Committee: Bill Warren presented a report (attached) noting recent assistance of Patricia Gagnon, a contractor with CVRD. The committee is developing policies, guidelines and terms of reference in order for financial assistance to flow from the CVRD to support economic enhancement programs on the island. Public consultation is expected to start soon.

Bill Mee Park: Report presented by Glen Snook noted the mandate of the committee, which was established in 1997, is to be constructors and custodians of the Park and breakwater. CVRD recently passed an amendment to provide for a larger water lease to accommodate extension of the breakwater by 8 metres.

Committee Reports:

Parks Committee: Neil Bockman presented a report (attached) describing reinvigoration of the committee this year and its current task to refine its terms of reference. He noted the committee's intention to liaise with other groups and agencies of mutual interest. The committee is working on data collection relevant to publicly held land, types of tenures and protection, and continues mapping.

Trails Committee: Alan Danks reported on reinvention of the Trails Committee in the past year and noted projects including removal of wind fall on trails in the Boyle Point area. He noted the committee's recommendation for a trail route from ferry to ferry, and is currently awaiting communication from CVRD on its Parks & Greenways Plan for Denman Island. The committee received a \$1500 grant from the Hornby-Denman Community Health Care Society towards trail construction.

Dock Committee: John Johnston reported (attached) for the committee that it has \$7203 on account with one outstanding invoice of \$1100 for site survey and reposting of water lot 257. The committee is awaiting an environmental report related to the project. First Nations are no longer considered an interested party from perspective of DFO.

Old School Committee: Gloria Michin presented a "Schedule of Receipts & Expenditures" to December 31, 2008. Gloria moved acceptance of the report. Carried unanimously. Gloria also noted upcoming project to build an outdoor toilet to reduce water consumption in summer months.

Bugs Are Us (Pesticide Free) Committee report (attached) was presented by Harlene Holm. Work in past year focused on compilation and distribution of the "Living on Denman Island"

brochure. The committee is communicating with provincial ministries regarding a strategy to mechanically remove broom from transportation corridors, and intends to apply for a Grant-in-Aid to cover cost of broom pullers.

Wildlife Advisory Committee report (attached) was presented by Cindy Critchley and described numerous group activities including tracking and assisting island residents with reporting hunting violations, identification of dogs involved in attacks on wildlife and domestic animals, advising on human/dog conflicts, rescuing and administering to injured wildlife, tracking cougar sightings, and publishing educational articles.

Liaison Reports:

Ferry Advisory (no report)

Vancouver Island Regional Library (attached) was presented by Bill Engleson. He noted that with the decision in late 2008 by the VIRL Board of Directors to hire a consultant to review all of its facility standards, future building projects (including Denman) were on hold. A Terms of Reference for this liaison role was recently passed by both the DIRA Board and the membership.

Denman Island Community Education Society (no report)

Elected Representatives:

Islands Trust report (attached) was presented by David Graham. He noted that the LTC has received a Staff report on a rezoning application for the “The Point”, situated on lands north of the Northlands properties. As the proposal involves both an exclusion and inclusion of lands in the ALR, the LTC decided to wait until the application had cleared the ALC before proceeding further. David reported that BC Ferries had withdrawn its application to expand the Denman West Terminal. Bylaw 185 has apparently cleared the referral process with the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands and now sits on the Ministry of Community Services desk awaiting signature.

Comox Valley Regional District report was presented by Area A Director, Bruce Joliffe. He mentioned that Grant-In-Aid decision would be made by the end of April. He noted that the Parnell water grant had been approved.

Election of Directors:

Directors with 1 more year in term: Roxanna Mandryk, Moira Webster, Bob French and Patti Willis. Three current directors are willing to let their names stand again for a 2-year term and 1 is retiring (Edi Johnston). The following slate was put forth from the DIRA Executive, who served as the nominating committee: Liz Johnston, Derek Hood, Harlene Holm, Max Campill Wedges

The Chair asked three times for any further nominations. Andrew Scruton was nominated, thereby adding a fifth candidate and requiring an election to fill the four director positions.

The membership voted by secret ballot, having been advised by the Chair to select up to 4 names.

9:20 PM - the Chair recessed the meeting to allow for counting of the ballots.

At 9:50 – meeting reconvened to announce the results of the election of 4 directors as follows:

Liz Johnston
Max Campill Wedges
Andrew Scruton
Derek Hood

Bill Engleson moved to destroy the ballots. Carried

Bob French moved to adjourn. Carried

Adjournment: 9:52 PM