

DIRA Budget General Meeting October 18, 2010

Denman Community Back Hall

Call to Order: 7:35 pm

Attendees: 20

Executive Board Present: Chair: Liz Johnston; Doug Ward, Doug Wright, Derek Hood, Max Cambill-Wedges, Nettie Cotter

Regrets: Andrew Scruton

Approval of the Agenda: **M/S/ Carried**

September 13, 2010 Budget General Meeting minutes – read in full by Liz Johnston

MOTION: To approve the minutes as amended: replacing the words within the Executive report section “regarding DICEEC” with “regarding the future of the Economic Enhancement Services” **M/S/Carried**

Guest Presentation: Shari Dunnet of Hornby Denman Community Health Care Society (HDCHCS) introduced her October 2010 Flagstone article “Age-friendly Communities’ Grant helps Denman & Hornby Plan for Our Future”. Their strategy would result in a living statistical document on the islands’ population dynamics. This information in turn would also be available to community groups such as business or recreation for their own needs. Gerald Hodge, a national community planner, will assist as a consultant. The planning would include surveys on 65+ seniors (e.g. November 10 flu shot clinic), input from focus groups and existing models and Flagstone communications. HDCHCS request a Letter of Endorsement in principle from DIRA.

ACTION: DIRA will provide HDCHCS with a Letter of Endorsement with regards to the use of the grant towards the “Age-friendly Communities” planning.

Executive Board Report:

1. DIRA had sent a letter to CVRD requesting firstly, that they attend a DIRA General Meeting to discuss and explain specific queries regarding the DICEEC budget and secondly, with DIRA’s assistance, to adequately notify the Denman community, to facilitate and organize a meeting with the community to discuss tax and related services. Ian Smith of CVRD confirmed that they plan to comply but could not make the October general meeting.

2. Research regarding HST indicates that DIRA qualifies as Non-Profit Public Service Body, so can simply apply for HST rebates. Fortunately DIRA is not required to become an HST Registrant, as that would require not only charging HST on all DIRA services, but would also require a ongoing reporting. Application can simply be made for a rebate of HST, but is restricted to 50% of amounts paid out. Rebate forms are available for committees from the Chair, but the Executive still plans to meet with all Committee Chairs to discuss further.

3. Transferring to AXIS Insurance is still on-going but on track. Information has been provided by Liz Johnston and Gloria Michin to assist K. Britnall of AXIS in completing the new policy and have in place by the October 28, 2010 deadline.

MOTION: That the DIRA Executive request that CVRD provide the Economic Enhancement Reconciliation financial report, earlier requested, be available to DIRA and the public prior to CVRD attending the next DIRA General Meeting. **M/S/Carried**

Committee Reports:

Parks Committee: Both Peter Karsten and Laura Pope were absent. Henning Neilson read their Activity Report (Incoming Correspondence # 10) and answered questions with regards to the new North Denman Park donated to Ministry of Environment for BC Parks conservancy protection.

Waste Management Committee: Bob French reported that the glass crusher is now in operation and that the new storage bins are in place. The larger bin is used for scrap metal and the other for crushed glass. A letter of request was submitted to CVRD's Solid Waste and subsequently the crusher and bins were paid (approximately \$17,000 to \$18,000) in full from its budget and not from the capital reserve fund. They will remain the property of CVRD but Bob will investigate as to the insurance coverage.

Denman Island Community Economic Enhancement Committee (DICEEC):

There is no report but Simon Palmer advised that DIRA Executive will soon be notified of assembled volunteers committed to addressing the tax and budget questions and looking at ongoing endeavors.

Liaison Reports:

VIRL: Bill Engleson spoke of formal requests to Bruce Joliffe to provide a timeline on consideration on new Vancouver Island Regional Library Branches, but feedback has been minor. He will continue to address the continuing challenge dealing with the underfunded and undersized branch.

Islands Trust: David Graham presented the Islands Trust yellow handout distributed in a recent Grapevine issue titled "Official Community Plan Review/ Community Information Meeting/ Wed. Oct.20, 2010" where maps, displays and new OCP policies regarding conservation will be discussed.

New Business:

Pat Veness expressed extreme dissatisfaction with services provided and charged by Able & Ready pump out services. In addition to inadequate service and inaccurate information being provided, he incurred additional costs contracting back hoe services to rectify his situation.

Motion to adjourn: 9:00 pm. M/S Carried.

Incoming Correspondence:

1. Harlene Holm, Denman resident, letter discussing DIRA/CVRD processes, September 13, 2010
2. Kathryn Britnell, AXIS Insurance, request for signed document re: Directors Insurance and other DIRA information, Sept 14, 2010
3. Julie Kochanuk, Youth & Family Services of the Hornby Denman Community Health Care Society, request to present at next DIRA General Meeting, September 16, 2010
4. Shari Dunnet, Denman Health Society, request to present "Age-Friendly Communities" Planning at next DIRA General Meeting, September 20, 2010
5. Diana Butler, Butler Associates Consulting, notification of November 3, 2010 Housing Workshop in Courtenay re CMHC's new "Guide for Canadian Municipalities for the Development of a housing Action Plan", cc to Harlene Holm, October 6, 2010
6. Helen Furgale, WestCCap, Contribution Agreement re DIRA Dock Project 210-002, October 5, 2010
7. Julie Kochanuk, Youth & Family Services, update on October Roundtable on Homelessness, October 6, 2010
8. Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment and Don McRae, MLA for Comox Valley, invitation to October 12, 2010 Announcement of "Land Conservation Agreement on Denman Island" at in Victoria BC Legislature, October 7, 2010

9. Odie Morin, CVRD, announcing "Towns for Tomorrow" program, applications due January 14, 2011, October 8, 2010
10. Peter Karsten & Laura Pope, Co-Chairs Parks Committee, Activity Report including October 7, 2010 meeting with Ministry of Environment re Denman Island land transfers for parks, October 10, 2010
11. Transition Denman Island, reminder invitation for all groups on Denman to share information at TEXPO 2010 on October 17, 2010, October 12, 2010
12. Tony Law, HICEEC, announcement of November 25, 2010 workshop "On the Money – Tax and Financial Issues for small and home-based businesses" with Chris McPherson at HI Community Hall, October 12, 2010
13. Ian Smith, CVRD, announcing "Connecting Citizens Grant Program Round Three", applications deadline November 29, 2010, October 13, 2010
14. Victoria Times Colonist, news articles "750 hectares of Denman Island will be protected under land deal, government says" and "Large parcel on Denman Island to be protected", October 12 and 13, 2010
15. Kim Pirie, Broker HUB International, Confirmation of insurance document for Sun Coast Waste Systems Ltd., contractor to Waste Management Committee, cc to Bob French, October 12, 2010
16. Denman Hornby Island Equines Members, thank you note re 2010 grant to DIRA Recreation Committee, October 15, 2010

Outgoing Correspondence:

1. Boyd MacKean, DIRCS, advising 2011 booking dates for DIRA General Meetings, September 10, 2010
2. Debra Oakman and Ian Smith, CVRD, email thanks for August 30, 2010 meeting with CVRD and request for copy of HIRRA Community Service Agreement, September 13, 2010
3. Kathryn Britnell, AXIS Insurance, signed document "Broker of Record Appointment" effectively changing the insurance broker, September 14, 2010
4. Harlene Holm, Denman resident, response to September 13, 2010 letter discussing DIRA/CVRD processes, September 14, 2010
5. Debra Oakman, Chief Administrative Officer, CVRD, response to CVRD request for DIRA and community input re DICEEC activity by September 30, 2010 and for discussion re services agreement, September 28, 2010
6. AXIS Insurance, Kathryn Britnell, signed copy of Travelers Non Profit Directors Insurance request for info and a binder of DIRA Financial and Committee information sent by mail, Sept 30, 2010
7. Julie Kochanuk, Youth & Family Services of the Hornby Denman Community Health Care Society, confirmation to present at the Nov 8, 2010 DIRA General Meeting, September 16 and 29, 2010
8. Shari Dunnet, Denman Health Society, confirmation to present "Age-Friendly Communities" Planning at the Oct 18, 2010 DIRA General Meeting, September 29, 2010
9. Debra Oakman & Ian Smith, CVRD, Financial Budget Info as per request from DIRA – re Denman Community Services, October 1, 2010