

# DIRA General Meeting July 12, 2010

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7:30 p.m.

Denman Island Community Hall

**Call to Order:** 7:30 p.m.

**Executive Present:** Liz Johnston, Derek Hood, Moira Webster, Doug Wright,

**# of Members Present:** 24

**Motion** to approve agenda of July 12, 2010: M/S/*carried*

**Motion** to approve minutes of June 14, 2010 meeting- M/S/*carried*

## Executive Report:

1. **Announcement of Community Recreation Grant Recommendations from DIRA to CVRD**– Moira Webster  
Report can be viewed at [www.denmanresidents.com](http://www.denmanresidents.com)

**Motion:** That the recommendations made on July 12, 2010, by the DIRA Recreation Grant Committee awarding Denman Seniors & Museum Society \$10,000; Denman Community Education Society, \$8,000; the Swim Dock Committee, \$750; the Community Dock Committee, \$750; and the Denman/Hornby Equine Association, \$500; for a total of \$20,000 be accepted and forwarded to the Comox Valley Regional District for approval. M/S/*carried*

2. **Membership announcement:** The Chair advised that anyone who has not paid their membership dues as of today will be removed from membership list but will be able to return as a new member. The membership committee is disbanded due to the changes in the Constitution and the more efficient use of the Website. Minutes and Agendas will no longer be sent out each month via e-mail but can be accessed at [www.denmanresidents.com](http://www.denmanresidents.com) . Committee Chairs are requested to send their reports to the Secretary via e-mail to ensure the reports are included on the website with the minutes.

## Liaison Reports:

1. **VIRL:** Bill Engleson – The facilities report that VIRL was doing has been submitted. A meeting with Bruce Jolliffe has resulted in some strategies moving forward and Bruce will ensure that Denman receives a copy of the VIRL report – hope to have more news in September.
2. **Ferry Advisory:** Dennis Forsyth –reported that a Ferry Advisory Committee meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Seniors Hall. Gordon Nettle, Marine Superintendent, Northern Island, gave the operations report which included:
  - The service appears efficient – runs on time and as it should
  - Noted some concern regarding off-loading procedures – seems to be random fashion – assures it will be looked into and dealt with
  - BCFerries policy is to discourage shuttling during lunch hour as this practice results in overtime costs.
  - BCFerries new policy regarding unattended packages on ferries – current practice must cease.
  - BCFerries proposing phase-out of printed comprehensive schedule as it is available on-line. Route specific is still fine.
  - Anticipate the Kaloki season will be extended for longer periods of time (Denman/Hornby)
  - BCFerries is pursuing the cable ferry alternative vigorously – suggests a possibility that it will be in operation in 3 years. However, Mark Stephenson, Vice President of Public Affairs – stated he felt the possibility of cable ferry on route 21 was a 50/50 toss-up of getting it. Serious negotiations with First Nations on Vancouver Island taking place – issue not clarified.
  - BCFerries do commit, and have committed to, one more public meeting on Denman Island – will schedule for evening session before they commence any implementation of cable ferry. The meeting will be Informational not a consultation.
  - BCFerries wants to move to an annual (ferry advisory) meeting rather than semi-annual.
  - Next meeting either in October or November will likely be on Hornby Island

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- Karl Goodwin objects to the Coca-Cola ads on the Ferry tickets and Dennis will take this issue to the next meeting.
- At the next DIRA meeting Dennis would like to discuss the issue of conflict of interest as he acts as a representative for DI and is also a major organizer for the Readers and Writers festival which receives funding from BC Ferries
- **Islands Trust:** Louise Bell – report at [www.denmanresidents.com](http://www.denmanresidents.com) - Louise reported that there is a new Minister of Community and Rural Development – Ben Stewart. She also reported on:
  - Provincial task force on Local Government Elections
  - June Trust Council Meeting on Saturna Island
  - Local Trust Committee – reported already in Grapevine
  - Next meeting August 3 – special program at the Denman Arts Center, starting with tea and coffee at 10:00. Community Stewardship Award at 10:30

## Committee Reports:

1. **DICEEC Community Project Grant** Announcement – Sharon Clarke – Full report can be viewed at [www.denmanresidents.com](http://www.denmanresidents.com) Provided a report outlining the process and panel members along with project recommendations. Arts Denman, \$9,310; Denman Island Community Education Society, \$1,400; Denman Island Seniors & Museum Society, \$8,750; Hornby Denman Tourism Services, \$3,400. Total funding recommendation is \$22,940. DICEEC voted to carry forward the remaining funds \$15,060 to a second round of funding in early 2011. The recommendations will be delivered to the CVRD for their approval and disbursement of funds. The Committee will now prepare for the budget submission in September and invites the community to attend July 26, 2010 from 3 – 6 p.m. for an opportunity to provide the committee with their input.

**Motion :** To accept the DICEEC Community Projects Funding Recommendations Report. *M/S/carried*

2. **DIVFD-** Chief Lockett – Thanked the community for their support at the pancake breakfast and reported that the effort netted in excess of \$4,000. Dock committee raised \$700 at the pancake breakfast. DIMS raised \$400. At midnight on Thursday July 8 a fire ban was brought into effect – campfire ban on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. DIVFD will be hosting the Comox Valley Fire Chief’s Association meeting on Monday July 19, 2010. Letters of commendation were received for 4 First Responders, related to an incident on East Rd., to Rob Manering, Jeremy Cartier, Richard Green, and Vali Majd. A new member of auxiliary brings it to the maximum of 10. A new member for fire department in two weeks will bring the roster to a maximum however applications will be received for a waiting list.

The Chief will send an official letter to Emcon addressing residents’ concern regarding the fire hazard of the long grass along road sides. Residents also expressed concern for children and animal safety as well due to the extremely long grass.

**Action:** The DIRA Chair offered to send a letter from the membership as well, with a copy to the Ministry of Transportation (attention Sue Pauwels).

3. **Dock Committee:** John Johnston reported that the committee raised just under \$700 at the DIVFD’s pancake breakfast selling tickets for the raffle and thanked the Fire Department. He also advised that the committee has split 12 cords of wood with only 3 cords remaining (all three cords sold before the end of his report). Updated the members on the status of funding applications and noted that John Duncan’s office is helpful in insuring a fair hearing. The project will be depending heavily on community involvement. Will make announcements on the funding status in August in the Grapevine and the Flagstone papers. Anticipate lining up tendering and volunteers by December for start in June 2011.
4. **Waste Management Committee:** no report

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5. **Bill Mee Park Committee:** Glen Snook – reported that the concrete slabs have been installed and clean up continues. Glen welcomed Ralph McCuaig as a new member. He reminded the members that decals are still \$25/year. Ralph will send Liz pictures for the website (installation of slabs). Karl Goodwin noted how well maintained the park is and Glen added that the 2 tables will be replaced very soon.
6. **Parks Committee:** - Peter Karsten – advised the members that Laura Pope has joined their committee and reported on the following: (full report at [www.denmanresidents.com](http://www.denmanresidents.com) )
  - Stanehill Park
  - Landworks Consultants
  - Morning Beach Park
  - NDL
  - Crown Lands
7. **Swim Dock Committee:** (Interim) Chair Doug Bell – (report on website [www.denmanresidents.com](http://www.denmanresidents.com) ) Doug reported on the repairs to the dock noting that the community donated their time and materials so all repairs were made at zero cost. He will continue his liaison role with the Parks committee and vice versa. Periodic checks of the swim dock will be performed throughout the summer. Doug thanked J. Thornton for all his work on the dock.
8. **Old School Committee:** no report
9. **Pesticide Free Committee:** no report
10. **Trails Committee:** no report
11. **Wild Life Advisory Committee:** Dennis Forsyth – cautioned islanders to be aware the grass is not cut and deer are being killed consistently right now – warning to be very careful.

### New Business:

1. DIRA Funding Application Policy (Bill Engleson)

### Notice of Motion:

Whereas the current funding application policy doesn't adequately address the occasional but very real need to very quickly submit a funding application and,

Whereas at least one Denman organization, Denman Island Community Education Society (DICES), has language in its policies and procedures that does address this contingency,

May it be resolved that the following language be added to the DIRA funding application policy: if the Executive of DIRA sub-committee must respond rapidly to a request for applications from a funding body in order for DIRA to be considered for funds, the Chairperson may authorize the specifically responsible Executive member or committee chairperson to apply to such funding agency and the Chairperson will report to the Executive and the general membership at the next regular meeting.

**Action:** DIRA will post the notice of motion in the paper two weeks prior to the September regular meeting.

**Next Meeting:** DIRA Regular Meeting will follow the Budget Meeting September 13, 2010.

**Action:** DIRA to request committee Chairs to submit their budgets 2 weeks prior to September budget meeting in order that they may be posted on-line for community access.

### Incoming Correspondence:

1. Allan Danks, re: Raven Coal correspondence, request and then decline to present to DIRA General Meeting, June 13 & 14, 2010
2. Jackie Ward, Denman Island Horse re: pathways, cc of response to Kathryn Britnel of

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- Axis Insurance, June 14, 2010
3. Rachel Shaw, Project Assessment Manager of Environmental Assessment Office, response to DIRA Raven Coal Project letter, June 14, 2010
  4. G. Campbell, Premier, response to DIRA Raven Coal Project letter, June 14, 2010
  5. Peter Karsten, Chair of Parks Committee, re: invitation to June 23, 2010 reception at Stanehill Park with Notebook park guide, June 14, 2010
  6. Peter Karsten, re: comments on performance of DIRA General Meeting held June 14, 2010, June 15, 2010
  7. Kelly Gesner of Landworks Consultants Inc., thanks re: DI Parks & Greenways Plan presentation at DIRA General Meeting held June 14, 2010 with copy of Community Survey, June 15, 2010
  8. Sharon Clarke, Chair DICEEC and Patricia Gagnon of CVRD, cc of payroll & funding discussion re Business Resource staff position, June 15 & 16, 2010
  9. Companies - Corporate Search, re: Society information of Denman Island Fire
  10. D. Stoneman, request to circulate "Petition to Review the Islands Trust Act", June 18, 2010
  11. Patricia Gagnon, CVRD, funding & payroll advice for DICEEC Resource employee, June 21, 2010
  12. John Johnston, Chair of DI Dock Committee, re: funding approval for dock project confirmed by Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) for \$118,000, June 21, 2010
  13. S. Stevens of Grapevine publication, request for shorter version of DIRA GM report, subsequently publication delayed a further week, June 22, 2010
  14. Shari Dunnet of Denman Health Network, re: Dr. Nancy Reeves counseling sessions available June 25 – July 3, 2010, June 22, 2010
  15. Bill Engleson, Treasurer of DICES, re: funding opportunities as addressed by the DICES Policies & Procedures manual, June 24, 2010
  16. Edi Johnston, concerns & letter of opposition re: application of Henry Bay tenure, June 27, 2010
  17. John Johnston, Chair of DI Dock Committee, cc of press release from ICET re funding confirmation for dock project, June 29, 2010
  18. James Bast, Manager of Fire Services of CVRD, response to June 16, 2010 DIRA letter re: DIVFD and DIRA January 1983 agreement, and June 29, 2010 DIRA request for another meeting, June 30, 2010
  19. Debra Oakman, Chief Administrative Officer CVRD, out of office notice until July 16, 2010, in response to DIRA request for meeting, July 2, 2010
  20. Teresa Warnes, Executive Assistant CVRD, out of office notice until July 5, 2010, in response to DIRA for meeting, July 2, 2010
  21. P. Gagnon, CVRD, cc payroll advice for DICEEC Resource employee, July 2, 2010
  22. P. Gagnon, CVRD, CVRD contract for DICEEC Resource Staff Position, July 4, 2010
  23. Kathryn Britnell, AXIS Insurance Managers Inc., cc of insurance coverage discussions with Gloria Michin, Chair of Old School Committee, July 4, 2010
  24. Kathryn Britnell, AXIS insurance Managers Inc., confirmation of Swim Dock insurance coverage increase to \$3,000,000., July 4, 2010
  25. John Johnston, Chair of DI Dock Committee, request for DIRA review of Letter of Intent from ICET (Island Coastal Economic Trust) re funding, July 6, 2010
  26. John Johnston, Chair of DI Dock Committee, cc of Comox Valley Echo July 6, 2010 article titled "Denman getting funds for a dock", July 7, 2010
  27. J.Davies, Branch Assistant Community Services of CVRD, confirmation of DIRA Exec

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meeting with CVRD (I. Smith, J. Bast, D. Oakman) for August 4, 2010, July 8, 2010

28. Chartwell Residents Association Qualicum Beach Re: Raven Coal Mine Project,  
July 9, 2010

### Outgoing Correspondence:

1. James Bast of CVRD, copy of annual check-list for DIRA Committees, June 14, 2010
2. Kathryn Britnell of AXIS Insurance, request to increase coverage for Graham Lake Swim Dock, June 15, 2010
3. James Bast, Manager of Fire Services of CVRD, letter re: DIVFD and DIRA January 1983 agreement, June 16, 2010
4. Dan Stoneman, advice of procedures re: request to circulate "Petition to Review the Islands Trust Act", June 18, 2010
5. Jerry Leet of Dept of Highways, record of phone conversation with Liz Johnston, confirmation that DIRA is not involved re: Lacon Horse Trail activity, June 28, 2010
6. James Bast, Manager of Fire Services of CVRD, request for meeting re: DIVFD and DIRA January 1983 agreement, June 29, 2010
7. Helen Furgale, Community Futures of WestCCAP, DIRA letter of confirmation that DIRA is a non-profit association, July 5, 2010
8. Sharon Clarke, Chair of DICEEC, re follow-up queries on review of draft CVRD contract for DICEEC Resource person, DICEEC Terms of Reference, DICEEC Strategic Plan and DICEEC 2010 Budget, July 7, 2010
9. Edi Johnston (DIMSC) Re: Letter re: Shellfish Tenure Application, June 28, 2010
10. B. Engleson ( DICES) Re: DIRA Funding Policy Amendment, July 8, 2010

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:09 p.m.