

# DIRA Regular General Meeting June 14, 2010

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Denman Island Community Hall 7:30p.m.

**Members Present:** 48

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

**Motion to approve Agenda:** M/S/carried

**Motion to Approve Minutes** of May 10, 2010 M/S/carried

**Executive Present:** Liz Johnston, Max Campill-Wedges, Nettie Cotter, Doug Ward, Doug Wright, Andrew Scruton, Moira Webster, Derek Hood

**Guests:** Debbie White (Comox Valley Victim Services Representative); Kelly Gesner, DI Parks and Greenways Master Plan

**Debbie White:** Attended the DIRA meeting to introduce herself and to provide information to the community regarding the services offered by Comox Valley Victim Services.

**Kelly Gesner:** Landworks Consulting Ltd. Open house Wednesday 23 4-8pm front room of the Community Hall. Working with BC Parks, Islands Trust and the Conservancy. Comoxvalleyrd.ca notice board – link to survey.

**Executive Report:** Liz Johnston reported that:

- Annual checklist forms have been distributed to Committee Chairs with a request that they be returned by the end of June.
- CVRD Grants-in-aid: \$1,000 for Dock Committee, \$1,000 for DIRA was announced.

Doug Ward reported that:

- DIRA's goal is to organize the contractual information concerning the Fire Services.
- A meeting with CVRD (Bast/Smith) on June 2<sup>nd</sup> is scheduled
- CVRD has been dealing directly with DIVFD with DIRA having no input.
- DIRA is not concerned about the DIVFD operation or the responsible way they are handling their duties.
- There is no obvious transparency with funding or decisions.
- A new Fire Services program is on the books – some changes will be made – The Fire Chief will be responsible to CVRD and other changes may be in the offing as well.
- DIRA currently has legal responsibility and liabilities. Consultations are planned with CVRD Bast/Smith/Oakman.

## Committee Reports:

1. **Parks Committee:** Peter Karsten reported on the following activities: (full report in library binder)

- APC referral OCP Section
- Conservation/Recreation.( Section E3 )
- Morning Beach Park
- NDL
- Graham Lake Swim dock
- Coordination with park/green space owners for planning
- Stanehill Park update
- Landworks Consultant.

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2. **Graham Lake Swim Dock:** (Doug Bell) - reported on the Graham Lake Swim Dock and provided the terms of reference which led to the following motions:

**Motion:** That the Terms of Reference be approved with amendment (to add neighbours under scope). M/S/*carried*

**Motion:** That DIRA obtain liability insurance for \$3M to operate the swim dock at Graham Lake by the Swim Dock Committee of DIRA. M/S/*carried*.

**Motion:** That the Swim Dock Committee be authorized to apply for a \$1,300 grant through the Recreation Grant Fund. M/S/*carried*

3. **DIVFD** – Chief Lockett announced the annual pancake breakfast will take place on July 4, 2010 to support DIVFD.
4. **Bill Mee Park** – John Wigle reported that on July 12<sup>th</sup> the concrete slabs will be replaced at low tide.
5. **Old School Committee** – Report by Gloria Michin - 4 wks since additional parking at the market – only have had positive comments – will assess at the end of the season regarding the impact and usefulness.
6. **Pesticide Free Committee** – no report
7. **Trails committee** – Ralph McCuaig reported that the committee is to meet with the Department of Highways regarding a ferry to ferry trail.
8. **Waste Management** – Report by Bob French - The glass crusher should arrive early in August – will test to check the safety aspect.
9. **DICEEC** – Report by Sharon Clarke – new chair of DICEEC committee. Reported that a website to improve communication with the community can be accessed at [diceec.wordpress.com](http://diceec.wordpress.com) and will provide information about grants, links to CVRD, reports. The committee's major activity is the community project grants, deadline June 21, 2010. The project evaluation process will include a review panel comprised of community members David Graham, Janet Simpson-Cook, and Rudy Friesen. Successful recipients will be listed on the website as well as information regarding the Recreation Grant and Grants-in-aid. An employee has been hired (Wind Rombough) and will be in the office Mondays and Wednesdays from 12 – 4. A meeting will be set for the purpose of gathering more public input and the information will be posted on the committee website. Budget information will also be posted on the website when available.
10. **Wildlife Advisory** – no report, however David Fairbairn remarked that Peter Karsten's recent article, that provided information to the public on rats, was excellent.
11. **Dock Committee** – Report by John Johnston - Funding applications are in (ICET) will be going to their Board this month . Raffle is underway for the e-bike.
12. **Recreation Grant Committee** – Report by Moira Webster – A total of 9 applications were received. A committee consisting of Judy Armstrong, Hamish Kimmins and Edi Johnston have agreed to provide recommendations and they will be brought to the DIRA Executive on July 5 followed by presentation to the DIRA membership on July 12, 2010. The recommendations then go to the CVRD for final approval.

### Liaison Report

1. **Library:** Report by Bill Engleson - awaiting report from Regional District- will advise.
2. **Ferry Advisory:** Dennis Forsyth - The date of the summer committee meeting on Denman is Wednesday July 7
- Islands Trust** – The Chair read the report in the trustees' absence. (report in library binder)

**New Business:** none

**Adjournment:** 9:04 p.m.