

# Minutes – DIRA Meeting March 8, 2010

---

## Denman Island Community Hall: 7:30 p.m.

**Call to Order:** 7:35 p.m.

**DIRA Executive:** Liz Johnston; Doug Wright; Derek Hood; Andrew Scruton; Patti Willis; Max Campill-Wedges; Moira Webster

**Regrets:** Perri Gorrara

**DIRA Members in Attendance:** 112

**Non-Members:** 9

**Motion to Approve Agenda:** March 8, 2010

**Motion to Approve Minutes:** February 8, 2010, Regular General Meeting *M/S/carried*

**Special Guest:** Sheila McDonnell, Candidate for Area A School Trustee By-election. The Election will be on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> at Denman Island Community School.

### Business Arising from Minutes:

- **Dock Committee**– John Johnston

**Motion:** Move that the voting on the two motions put forth by the Dock Committee is conducted by secret ballot. *M/S/carried* (show of hands)

**Motion:** That the Dock Committee mandate be extended to allow the dock site (water lot 257) to be multi-use, including recreational use and the potential for economic activities, to be determined by the DIRA membership. The multi-use designation will include both the upper portion of the Dock site (dry land) and the dock area (water portion). *M/S/carried* (103/7)

**Motion:** That the DIRA membership grant approval to the Dock Committee to proceed with Stage 2 funding application to both the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) and West Coast Community Adjustment Program (WESTCCAP) upon approval of the Stage 1 applications. *M/S/carried* (103/6)

- **DIRA Constitutional Changes** – Derek Hood

**Motion:** That item 1.2 of the DIRA Constitution is amended to read: Annual fees for membership shall be in lawful money for Canada as may be established by the Board and passed at the AGM and are due at the Annual General Meeting. (This amendment to be implemented at the 2010 AGM). *M/S/carried*

**Motion:** That item 1.4 of the DIRA Constitution is amended to read: A new member may not cast a vote until 30 days following payment of membership dues. The fee for new membership (mid-year) will be pro-rated with full annual membership fee to be paid at the following AGM. (This amendment to be implemented at the 2010 AGM). *M/S/carried*

## Minutes – DIRA Meeting March 8, 2010

---

**Motion:** That item 1.5 of the DIRA Constitution is amended to read: A person shall cease to be a member of the Association and their name removed from the membership list by:

1. Delivering his/her resignation in writing to the Secretary of the Association, or,
2. If the membership fees are not paid within the 90 day grace period following the last AGM, or,
3. If the member is deceased.

This amendment to be implemented at the 2010 AGM). *M/S/ carried*

**Motion:** That item 1.6 of the DIRA Constitution is amended to read: Residents whose membership has lapsed (payment of dues in arrears more than 90 days following the last AGM) may renew their membership as a new member and therefore are subject to a waiting period of 30 days before entitled to vote. (This amendment to be implemented at the 2010 AGM). *M/S/carried*

**Motion:** That item 2.9 of the DIRA Constitution is amended to read: Meetings of the Association shall be conducted in accordance with Henry M. Roberts “Rules of Order” current edition... (This amendment to be implemented at the 2010 AGM.) *M/S/defeated*

### **Executive Report:**

- DIRA Financials Derek Hood

**Motion:** That DIRA undertake its annual financial review and prepare a financial statement and again contract Lloyd Neufeld to complete the project, the cost of which will not exceed \$200. *M/S/ carried*

The Chair requested that the Committee Chairs provide their financial budget to the Executive 2 weeks prior to the AGM to allow the proposed budgets to be posted on the DIRA website.

The Chair reminded the membership that the AGM will take place on April 12, 2010, and there are four positions open on the Executive. Anyone wishing to put their name forward should contact Patti Willis (nominating committee).

### **Committee Reports:**

1. Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department - Chief Luckett  
Patti presented a motion to correct a motion passed in September.

**Motion:** Whereas: The minutes of the September 14, 2009, general meeting of DIRA currently read: “That the 2010 budget for the Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department be approved with the proviso that the one-time extraordinary capital expenditure of \$25,000, for site preparation be removed by February 28, 2010 unless there is a lease arrangement entered into”.

Whereas: The motion passed was an inadvertently shortened version of the motion submitted by the DIVFD.

Be It Resolved That: The DIRA membership now approves the complete version of the motion as submitted on September 14, 2009, as follows: That the 2010 DIVFD budget be approved with the following proviso; If the Comox Valley Regional District has not entered into a lease agreement with British Columbia Ambulance Services (Accommodation Real Estate Services) or BCAS or ARES has not signed a letter of intent to finance

## Minutes – DIRA Meeting March 8, 2010

---

and construct a new ambulance station on the proposed site on Denman Island on or before February 28, 2010, the onetime extraordinary capital expenditure of \$25,000 for land improvement costs for the site will be removed from the 2010 budget. *M/S/carried.*

**Chief Luckett** – Reported that there were 14 call outs in the last month, 3 of which were structure fires; also noted the tsunami advisory. He advised that the Fire Department is setting up an e-mail advisory and interested persons should contact Keith Walker to be included on the e-mail list. Meeting will be set up with ESS to discuss advisory system. Also noted that 2 new first responders have joined the DIVFD.

### 2. **Emergency Social Services** – MaryLou Morton

Marylou explained the services that ESS provides (e.g. providing food, clothing, shelter) following a disaster. They have a reception centre set up in the case a large disaster.

**Motion:** We as Denman Island Emergency Social Services have identified a mobile emergency generator as being crucial for providing heat, light, water, in the event of a disaster. I hereby move that DIRA conveys how necessary to the community this piece of equipment is in a letter to the Comox Valley Regional District.

*M/S/carried*

**Motion:** Edi Johnston (on behalf of herself): Whereas, the Denman Island community needs an emergency generator to provide heat, light and water for its Reception Center in the event of a disaster and funds were acquired through a federal Joint Emergency Preparedness Program in 2009 which would allow the acquisition of a larger generator for Denman's Emergency Operations Center located at the fire hall thereby freeing up the existing generator for use by Emergency Social Services, I hereby move that DIRA allow the Denman Island Volunteer Fire Dept. sufficient time to adjust its 2010 budget to include the matching funds required to acquire the new generator. *M/S/carried*

3. **Bill Mee Park Committee** – no report

4. **Old School Committee** – no report

5. **Pesticide Free Committee** – Harlene Holm – provided an update on the situation of the piles of broom left on the roadside – also called for new members for the committee. Encouraged people to pull the broom rather than resorting to herbicides.

6. **Parks Committee** –Peter Karsten - If the budget is approved March 31, 2010, the DIPC will coordinate with the CVRD Parks planners to work on an implementation plan. The CVRD Board resolved the following at their February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting: That the Regional District board accept the donation of 1.2 ha of parkland on north Denman Island identified by the park zone on Plan 1 of the Denman Island local trust committee's bylaw No 190 (an amendment to the Denman Island Land Use Bylaw, 2008) subject to the developer:

- a. Providing a site clearance for the area of parkland;
- b. Putting in a small gravel parking lot at a location determined by the developer and regional district staff
- c. Fencing off the steep trail down the bluff to the waterfront

## Minutes – DIRA Meeting March 8, 2010

---

- d. Providing a hazard tree assessment of the trees around the parking lot and along any trails and public areas; and
- e. Meeting the recommendations in a risk assessment report through the Municipal Insurance Association agent; and
- f. The regional district board authorize the corporate legislative officer to execute the transfer of title
- g. The Regional District staff enters into discussions with the Denman Island Residents Association on management and operation of the park. Section 291 (6)

The DIPC will contact the CVRD planners Karin Albert and Brian Alleart to offer their assistance for the development and operating plan of the Point Park.

Committee members followed up on a report of senseless damage to young confers along the trail and alder trees at the park entrance. The committee members will monitor the park.

7. **Trails Committee** - Harlene Holm – provided a short summary of the initiatives the committee and noted that they are inviting new members to the committee.
8. **Waste Management Committee** Bob French – statistical breakdown for last year put over for another time.
9. **Denman Island Community Economic Enhancement Committee (DICEEC)** - Noted that community report is located in the binder in the VIRL and is posted on the website. DICEEC is collaborating with Hornby on hiring a summer student (funding pending). Agricultural group and a Business Assoc. is being explored.
10. **Wild Life Advisory Committee** – no report
11. **Dock Committee** – John Johnston – thanked the members. He reported that the Committee has applied for a grant in aid (small amounts) for further funding – on-island fundraiser will be a ticket raffle (an e-scooter).

### Liaison Reports:

1. **Islands Trust** - no report
2. **Ferry Advisory** - Dennis Forsyth – provided update on ferry fares, as of April 1, 2010, passenger fare will be raised by \$.45 and vehicle fare by \$1.05. No further news on the proposed Cable Ferry.
3. **VIRL** Bill Engleson – referred to the Flagstone article by Jean Cockburn with summary of community planning meeting of February 11, 2010.

### New Business:

1. Notice of upcoming meeting March 15, 2010 Re: Raven Coal Mine (Patti). Members of Coal Watch will attend to provide information.

## Minutes – DIRA Meeting March 8, 2010

---

2. REDI (Transition Towns) Veronica Timmons – Referred to article in Flagstone. Invited all to attend a meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 23 – to ask the question should we become a transition Island? Video presentation and discussion. Posters will be placed on mailboxes. Have the support of the Island Trust and looking for DIRA’s support and looking to create a steering committee of Island organizations.

### Motion to destroy ballots: M/S/carried

#### Incoming Correspondence:

1. A. Corddry - Recycling Depot on DIRA Website, February 1, 2010
2. Acknowledgement from IT - Building & Site Permit Lot 257, February 3, 2010)
3. John Wigle - Bill Mee Park - letter to DIRA Executive, February 7, 2010
4. J. Johnston - Dock Committee Update and Notice of Motion, February 8, 2010
5. DIVFD - BC Ambulance Station Agreement, February 8, 2010
6. J. Johnston - Dock Committee - Raffle Fund Raising Initiative, February 9, 2010
7. DIVFD /BCAS with Motions - Letter of Intent for new Ambulance Station, February 12, 2010
8. Ralph McCuaig - DIRA Funding Policy, February 13, 2010
9. R. Sitter - Workshop Communications Training Topics, February 13, 201
10. Beth Dunlop, CVRD; - DIRA Funding Policy, February 16, 2010
11. CC Concerns - Raven Coal to John Duncan (Max) , February 15, 2010
12. Patricia Gagnon, DICEEC - Agriculture Conference, February 16, 2010
13. Ian Smith, CVRD - response to DIRA request for a meeting, February 16, 2010
14. Cindy Critchley - Old School Committee Reporting, February 17, 2010
15. George Morris, Cortez Island - Questions about DIRA February 18, 2010
16. Island Coastal Economic Trust - Approval of Stage 1 Application for Dock Committee February 23, 2010
17. HDHCS Reminder - Health Care Networking meeting, February 23, 2010
18. Edi Johnston, ESS - Community Emergency Generator, February 24, 2010
19. Marie Lapp, CVRD - Notice of March 1, 2010, Tax Meeting, February 25, 2010
20. J. Johnston Request DIRA post budgets on website in advance, February 28, 2010
21. DIVFD - Response - CVRD funding for ESS generator, February 28, 2010
22. CVRD J. Bast Re: Service Provider Contract with DIRA for Fire Protection March, 1, 2010
23. Copy of DIRA Existing/Renewed lease contract with BCAS for Ambulance with DIVFD , March 1, 2010
24. Request from School Trustee Candidate S. McDonnel, March 3, 2010
25. Response and background from ESS Edi Johnston Re: Generator March 5, 2010
26. Update from Parks committee - Stanhill Park and the Point, March 3, 2010
27. DIRC Request for 2010 DIRA Calendar of Events. February 22, 2010

## Minutes – DIRA Meeting March 8, 2010

---

### Outgoing Correspondence:

1. Grant-in-Aid Application from Dock Committee - February 8, 2010
2. Grant-in Aid Application from DIRA , February 8, 2010
3. To Bill Mee Park John Wigle - CVRD Contract, February 10, 2010
4. CVRD B. Dunlop Re: DIRA Funding Policy, February 12, 2010
5. Grapevine Newspaper DIRA Committee Report, February 12, 2010
6. Notice of Motion for Grapevine and Website, February 12,
7. Grapevine Notice of upcoming April AGM, February 25, 2010
8. Response to Ralph McCuaig Re: Purchasing Policy, February 14, 2010
9. Response to C. Critchley Re: Old School Liaison position, February 18, 2010
10. Further response to R. McCuaig - Purchasing Policy, February 22, 2010
11. CVRD - Meeting plans & Tax Meeting, February 18, 2010
12. To B. Alaert CVRD - Bill Mee Park Contract, February 26, 2010
13. Update on Broom Pulling to Ralph McCuaig, February 26, 2010
14. Re: Bill Mee Park Contract to John Wigle /Committee, February 26, 2010
15. DIVFD (from Executive Liaison) – Re: Current Lease February 12, 2010
16. DIVFD (From Exec Liaison) Re: Letter from Edi Johnston February 26, 2010
17. DIVFD (From DIRA Chair) Re: Letter from E. Johnston February 28, 2010
18. Response to E. Johnston - ESS Generator (attached doc - DIVFD), March 2, 2010
19. Response to Mr. George Morris - DIRA administrative model, March 3, 2010
20. Response to Sheila McDonnell - Attending DIRA Meeting March 3, 2010
21. Response to DIRC Re: DIRA Calendar February 12, 2010

### Adjournment 9:21 p.m.

Approved April 12, 2010