

DIRA Regular General Meeting – January 11, 2010

Denman Island Community Hall – Back Room 7:30 p.m.

Call to Order: 7:35 p.m.

Attendance: 41

Executive Present: Liz Johnston, Max Campill-Wedges, Doug Wright, Derek Hood, Moira Webster,

Executive Regrets: Andrew Scruton, Perri Gorrara, Patti Willis

Guest: Patricia Gagnon, Community Coordinator

Motion to approve Agenda of January 11, 2010 with Amendment to add Raven Mines to New Business:
m/s/carried

Motion to approve Minutes of November 9, 2009 with amendment. M/S/carried

Executive Report:

- **Application for Grant-In-Aid for 2010 initiatives/Motion** (Liz) Notice that Grant-In-Aid applications are available for committees that are interested in applying and can be downloaded from the CVRD website.

Motion: DIRA Executive apply for 2010 Grant-in-Aid from CVRD in the amount of \$6,000 for administrative purposes which would include new locked filing system for records, hiring a short-term contract person to assist in filing and organizing of past DIRA records, and upcoming communication and governance workshop.

M/S/carried

- **Formation of a Nominating Committee for April AGM** (Derek) – Patti will be Executive representative and is asking for 3 or 4 DIRA members to assist in identifying potential candidates. Please advise any one of the Executive if you wish to join this committee.
- **DIRA Funding Policy Executive Recommendation/Motion** (Max) Re: Community Emergency Dock.

Motion: Further to the Executive's motion to accept the draft blueprint proposal the executive makes a recommendation to the membership to accept the Dock Committee's funding policy proposal. M/S/carried

- **Executive Meeting with CVRD : DIRA fiduciary responsibilities /Motion** (Liz)

Motion: That the DIRA membership grant approval to the DIRA executive to explore the possibility of a contractual relationship with the CVRD regarding Denman Island Tax-based services and report back to the membership with this information. M/S/carried

- **Property Taxes and discussion** with CVRD (Doug) - postponed to next meeting
- **Liability Issues & Concerns** (Derek) – Advised that the Executive will be going to committees asking them to review their activities and indicate any areas where they have liability issues. The Executive will provide a summary to the CVRD to determine what increase in liability coverage we may need to entertain.
- **Trails Committee Restructuring** (Derek) The Executive would like to officially recognize and thank the contribution of Allan Danks to the Trails Committee and we regret that he has decided to resign.
- Liz noted that Andrew submitted his resignation as Vice-president of DIRA but that the Executive did not accept his resignation.

Committee Reports:

1. **Dock Committee:** John Johnston – updated the membership on the progress to date noting a public meeting tomorrow night (January 12, 2010).

Motion: That the DIRA membership grant approval for the Dock Committee to make preliminary stage one expression of interest for funding to two specific possible sources of funding. 1. ICET and, 2. WESCAP. It is understood that prior to any stage two application being undertaken that the Dock Committee shall seek the approval of the membership to continue. M/S/carried

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2. **Wild Life Advisory Committee:** New TOR Mike Nestor – The revised Terms of Reference were read.

Motion: To accept the Wildlife Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference as read M/S/*carried*

3. **Membership Committee** – no report
4. **Bill Mee Park Committee**- no report
5. **Old School Committee:** - no report
6. **Pesticide Free Committee:** - no report
7. **Parks Committee:** - Peter Karsten advised that the Parks Department staff has recommended the Stanehill Park project for 2010 however it requires final approval by the Board of Directors and the decision is expected to come forward in January.
8. **Trails Committee:** Ralph McCuaig noted that the Committee has several good ideas for projects including the ferry to ferry trail concept and will meet next Tuesday January 19, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Old School.
9. **Waste Management Committee:** Bob French (full report in DD Library) – Updated the membership on the financial status noting that by April the loan from the Old School Committee should be repaid. On behalf of the WMC he thanked the community for their support and the Waste Management staff and volunteers for their diligence and hard work. Special thanks went to Edi Johnston who donated back her honorarium payments for summer Saturday traffic control and to Gloria Michin for her mentorship during the past year.
10. **Denman Island Community Economic Enhancement Committee (DICEEC)** Karl Goodwin. A final report is now being prepared from the information gathered at the Community Planning Workshop and DICEEC will provide those results in the near future. He advised that Patricia Gagnon has been contracted for 2010. Next regular meeting of DICEEC will be on the third Monday of every month at the Senior's Centre at 3:00 p.m.
11. **Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department (DIVFD)** – no report

Liaison Reports:

1. **Island Trustee Report:** Louise Bell – Provided an update on Islands Trust meetings. A schedule of meetings can be accessed on their website as well as on the two notice boards.
2. **Ferry Advisory Report:** no report
3. **Vancouver Island Regional Library Report:** Bill Engleson reported that the Vancouver Island Regional Library is beginning a process for Strategic Planning. As part of the strategic plan a meeting on Denman is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m. and an on-line survey is available on the Bureau website.

New Business:

1. **Denman Island Memorial Society Report** and Request for a DIRA letter of Support. Doreen Tetz – advised DIRA that DIMS received charitable status in December 2009 and that they are working with Denman Island Conservancy Association who have made available just over one hectare of land in Central Park to establish a new cemetery.

Motion: That the DIRA Executive on behalf of the membership of DIRA sign a letter of support for the Board of Denman Island Memorial Society to the Real Estate Foundation. M/S/*carried*

2. **Raven Mines:** Simon Palmer –

Motion: That the membership of DIRA commends the mandate of the Islands Trust to “preserve and protect the area and its environment” and recommends most strongly that Islands Trust consider the development of Raven Mines as being antithetical to that mandate and as Islands Trust accordingly commit to doing everything possible to ensure that the Raven Mines development is stopped. The membership of DIRA believes that the

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empirically proven environmental and health hazard attendant on such a mine development fully justifies this motion and therefore this urgent request of Islands Trust. The membership of DIRA requests the DIRA executive to forward a copy of this motion to Islands Trust as soon as possible. *M/S/carried*

Incoming Correspondence:

1. Trust - Referral request re: The Point Park (November 2, 2009)
2. CVRD – confirmation of meeting with DIRA Executive (November 6, 2009)
3. Harlene Holm – copy of revised motion – (November 10, 2009)
4. DIRA Insurance policy (Old School, Bill Mee Park, Lot 257,) (November 3, 2009)
5. DFO Re: Divestiture Lot 257 (request for \$1) (November 21, 2009)
6. Edi Johnston: Re: proposed new ambulance station (November 22, 2009)
7. Nature Conservancy Canada – re: workshops (info) (November 23, 2009)
8. Parks Committee Islands – re: The Point Park (November 24, 2009)
9. Tony Law – Ferry Service – Write Now (November 24, 2009)
10. Doug Wright: Re: Cable Ferry (November 24, 2009)
11. Edi Johnston: Re: Emergency Access Rd Blockage. (November 24, 2009)
12. DFO: advising that the \$75,000 and divestiture is in the mail (December 24, 2009)
13. Letter with Check \$75000 from DFO divestiture of Lot 257 (December 9, 2009)
14. Check from CVRD for Recreational Grant \$500. (December 9, 2009)
15. Funding opps for parks and recreation from CVRD Ian Smith (December 12, 2009)
16. CVRD B. Rees Manager (Parks) Re: Trails Cmt Cross Island Trail (December 16, 2009)
17. More Funding Opportunities from DIRA From CVRD Ian Smith (December 22, 2009)
18. Raven Mines 'Letters' to Islands Trust Council (December 22, 2009)
19. Proposal of Funding Application Blueprint from Dock Committee (December 24, 2009)
20. DI Memorial Society Request for a letter of Support from DIRA December 28, 2009
21. Year End Budget Report for Bill Mee Park From John Wigle (December 27, 2009)
22. Letter from Andrew Scruton Re: DIRA Vice Chair. (December 29, 2009)
23. Letter from CVRD Beth Dunlop Re: DIRA Purchasing Policy (December 29, 2009)
24. DIMS Draft 'Letter of Support from DIRA (January 4, 2010)
25. Receipt of property assessment notice for lot 257 (January 4, 2010)
26. Minutes & Reports from DIRA Committees Old School / Parks / Wildlife Advisory

Outgoing Correspondence:

1. CVRD – request from DIRA for meeting with Executive (November 5, 2009)
2. Edi Johnston – response re ambulance station from Executive (November 26, 2009)
3. Ministry of Finance Re: Corporate Registry/changes to DIRA Board (November 2009)
4. Cheque for \$1 to the Ministry of Finance Re: divestiture Lot 257 (November 30, 2009)
5. Renewal form First Insurance Re: DIRA General Liability November 25, 2009)
6. CVRD Meeting confirmation & attached list of question (December 2, 2009)
7. Letter to Island Trust Planner (C. Campbell) Re: The Point" (December 2, 2009)
8. Letter to CVRD Parks B. Rees regarding Cross Island Trail (December 9, 2009)
9. Letter to DIVFD from DIRA Exec Liaison Re: Ambulance (December 10, 2009)
10. Islands Trust Siting and Building Permit Application for Lot 257 (December 14, 2009)
11. 'Understanding Taxes Document' created by Doug Wright (November 22, 2009)
12. DIRA Report for the Grapevine by Patti Willis (December 26, 2009)

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13. Response to Beth Dunlop Re: Purchasing Policy (December 29, 2009)
14. Response to DIMS Re: Letter of Support (December 29, 2009)
15. Response to Andrew Scruton (December 29, 2009)
16. CVRD W. Byrne Re: Recreation Funding (\$500) Bylaw info December 30,2009)
17. Email to E. Johnston Re: Concerns Re: Denman Island New Ambulance Station and Emergency procedures from Liaison Patti Willis (January 5, 2010)
18. Application for Access Permit for Lot 257 to Ministry of Transport (January 5, 2010)
19. Response to CVRD W. Byrne Re: Recreation Funding Grant (January 5, 2010)

Adjourned: 9:08 p.m.