

DRAFT and UNAPPROVED
Denman Island Residents Association
General Meeting
Sept 12, 2011

Held in the Back Hall, Community Centre

Executive in Attendance: Frank Frketich, Doug Wright, Jane Kerr, Anne Page, Bert Taylor, Denise MacKean

1. Call to Order: 7:30 PM

2. Motion: To approve the Agenda as posted for tonight's meeting. M/S/C

3. Motion: To approve the Minutes from July 11, 2011 AGM meeting as amended. M/S/C

4. Executive Report

a. In memory of Andrew Scruton we have two motions to present:

Motion 1: That the DIRA executive initiate a fund raising campaign to establish a memorial for Andrew Scruton. The memorial would consist of a bench at some appropriate location at the new Community Dock and a tree in the garden of the Medical Centre. M/S/C

Motion 2: That any extra money raised would be designated the Andrew Scruton Memorial Fund to be used, at the discretion of the DIRA membership, for the benefit of the Denman Island community. M/S/C

b. Initiated a review of policies and procedures regarding Recreation Grants. Bert Taylor will carry this out.

c. DIRA will organize an election forum for Island Trust, Regional District and School Board candidates here on the afternoon of November 6.

Motion: Propose that DIRA send a letter asking if the various government candidates would care to reimburse any costs that DIRA incurs for the all candidates meeting. M/S/C

Action Item: Frank to write the various government bodies re: DIRA cost reimbursement for election forum.

d. Letter of support for HDCHCS

Background: Anne Page gave some background on the HDCHCS federal funding application on "Making Connections - Seniors Helping Seniors". She outlined what this project wishes to

accomplish and that they would appreciate the DIRA membership's support. The Executive has a letter of support written as you can see on the screen that they wish the membership to approve.

Motion: That DIRA provide a letter of support to the Hornby Denman Healthcare Society regarding their submission of a grant application to the Federal government's "New horizons for Seniors Program" community based projects funding. M/S/C

5. Budget Presentations

a. Waste Management Committee

Motion: Move that the DIRA membership accept this budget as presented. M/S/C

b. Bill Mee Park

Motion: Move that the DIRA membership accept this budget as presented. M/S/C

c. Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department

Motion: That the Island fire Department's 2012 proposed operating budget of \$110,900 and the capital reserves for equipment of \$44,000 be approved. M/S/C

Motion: Move that the process traditionally approved by the DI residents of accumulating a capital reserve for the outright purchase of major equipment be continued and that the acquisition of major equipment by lease or with an interest-bearing loan be reserved for emergency circumstances only. M/S/C

d. Old School Committee

Motion: Move that the DIRA membership accept this budget as presented. M/S/C

6. DIRA Treasurer's Report – DIRA Budget

The DIRA 2011/2012 budget was presented showing that without some financial aid; DIRA will not be able to cover the estimated expenses in the upcoming fiscal year.

Motion: That the DIRA executive explore possible financial assistance from the CVRD and/ or apply for a grant in aid. M/S/C

5. Committee Reports

a. Dock Committee - The Dock Committee has submitted their final numbers and are pleased to report that the project has come in under budget. They have starting receiving some revenue.

They will have to return most of the funds from one grant received from Denman Works! that was originally for \$8,000.00. These funds were to provide payment to hire an individual to oversee the dock construction. These funds came late in the project and the committee has not been able to use all the \$8,000.00. They applied to Denman Works! to change the usage of how the funds would be used but the request was denied. The final amount to be repaid has not yet been determined.

b. Parks Committee

Morning Beach Park

The contract to construct the staircase was awarded to Woodtree Construction Ltd, Courtenay. The successful bid was slightly under the budget of \$45,000. Work began on August 22 and is about 70% completed.

Some stair work and the installation of the handrails and addition of gravel to the gravel paths section remains to be done.

The Parks Committee and community volunteers have created pathways and a vehicle access trail to the bluff to be used during construction and later for emergency vehicle or maintenance, placed signs and split rail fences to keep visitors safely back from unstable sections of the bluff. The vehicle access is secured with lock and chain to exclude unauthorized traffic.

CRVD Parks and Greenways Plan

The PC reviewed the plan and is focusing on the priorities identified therein: the ferry to ferry pathway system, access to parks and green spaces, connectivity of green spaces and opportunities for outdoor activities particularly hiking trails. The ferry to ferry trail as well as trails not involving parks is the mandate of the Trails Committee. Karin Albert is in contact with the Trails Committee. The PC is proposing to form a working group to map existing trails on public lands in collaboration with the Trails Committee, DCA, CVRD and the Denman Fire Department.

BC Parks

Steve Pratt, the Area Supervisor for BC Parks obtained Parks and DFO approvals to build a bridge for a multi-use trail leading from Central Park to Pickles Road which required a new bridge suitable for horse crossings. The bridge was constructed in June by volunteers. Materials were donated by Doug and Jackie Ward. The PC serves as a liaison for the community regarding BC Parks matters.

Maple Park

The PC has been in dialogue with the neighbors of an inactive small pocket park owned by the CVRD at the Morrison Marsh. The half acre parcel is connected by a road allowance to MacFarlane Road. This would be a walk to only park. Once full support is obtained by the neighbors the project will be brought to DIRA and the CVRD for approval. The project will be carried out by volunteers and does not require funding.

Piercy Greenspace

The CVRD Manager of Parks contacted the PC for information on the use of the parcel for parks activities on August 22, 2011. The PC had previous suggestions by Islanders to make it a park for beach access. Priority was not assigned to it since it is already functioning as greenspace to the neighbors and is maintained by them. The PC has received recent requests to consider it as an Adopt-a-Park. This property is owned by the Department of Highways. The PC is waiting for more community input to get direction.

c. Trails Committee - No Report

d. Swim Dock Committee - No Report

e. Old School Committee

Motion: Resolve that the membership of the Denman Island Residents' Association endorse the proposal from the Old School Committee to partner with the Denman Conservancy Association (DCA) to achieve funding to assist with the replacement of the roof of the school building at the Marcus Isbister Old School Centre through a grant application to be submitted by DCA to the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation. M/S/C

f. Wild Life Advisory - No Report

6. Liaison Reports

a. Denman WORKS - No Report

b. Islands Trust

The Local Trust Committee (LTC) met today here on Denman Island. We had planned to be in Comox meeting with the K'omoks First nation and therefore had changed the LTC meeting to early that afternoon in Courtenay, but the K'omoks cancelled the meeting late last week. As a result we changed the LTC meeting back to our usual venue and time, which is 10:30 a.m. in the Conservancy Room. David Graham and I wish to apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced by this last minute change.

At the meeting, the LTC received the preliminary staff report for a rezoning application by the Denman island Community Land Trust for a property on Northwest Rd, which would allow for

one affordable housing unit on 1 ha of land at the east end of the lot – up on the ridge. The LTC instructed staff to arrange to hold a Community Information Meeting to inform islanders and hear their comments and to send the proposal to the Advisory Planning Commission for its comments. Watch for notices of this meeting, which will be held sometime in October.

In addition, the LTC received a staff report regarding the establishment of a Community Heritage Register. The LTC had asked for this report with the thought that creating a register and putting the Old School and the Community Hall on the Register could assist the groups managing these 100-year-old buildings to find the funding they need for ongoing maintenance, which in fact is the case. After discussion, the LTC directed staff to create criteria for the register. A Flagstone article in October will inform islanders about this project and seek their input. The K'omoks First Nation will also be consulted. It's important to note that, unlike the Heritage designation that can be made by a local government, placing a building on a Community Heritage Register does not limit future improvement of the building in any way. Instead it represents recognition and celebration of the heritage values of that building. A final decision on the register will likely be made at the Oct 25 LTC meeting – the last LTC meeting for the term.

Last, the LTC was informed of a mistake in the recent OCP/LUB work and that a further OCP amendment was needed to achieve the mapping of one site intended for as a Development Permit Area. The LTC considered and gave first reading to a bylaw to correct this oversight. A public hearing will be held in October adjacent to the LCT meeting on October 25th. Feel free to speak to David or me if you want clarification on this matter.

Starting tomorrow, David Graham and I will be attending the last Trust Council meeting for this term. Program sessions include two hours with the new Ferries Commissioner, Gordon Macatee and our annual meeting with councilors of San Juan County, when we discuss issues of common interest. Business items for the meeting are varied. The full list is available on the Islands Trust website. As well, for the first time, the meeting package (about 120 pages) is available on the website.

c. Ferry Advisory

1. The new Ferry Commissioner will hold a Community Consultation meeting on Denman Island on September 29 between 3:00 and 4:30 PM in the Community Hall.
2. That same evening - September 29, between 7:00 and 9:00 PM BC Ferries will hold a Public Open Houses in the Seniors Hall to discuss the Hornby-Denman Ferry closure scheduled for October 23 - November 7, 2011.
3. On September 23 BC Ferries will hold a Public Open House at the Seniors Hall between 6:00 and 8:00 PM to update the community on the Cable Ferry Project.

4. The Fall FAC Meeting will be held October 21 and Dennis Forsyth will attend this meeting as DIRA's representative. Dennis's 3 year term will end after this meeting. Dennis would expect that shortly thereafter the DIRA Executive will contact BC Ferries with a nomination for the next 3 year term. Dennis indicated that he would be willing to continue in this role, but this decision is DIRA's. He suggested that if anyone would be interested to make their interest known to the Executive in the next month or so. After a brief discussion, the membership put forward the following motion.

Motion: Propose that DIRA nominate Dennis Forsyth as its representative to BC Ferries for the next 3 years on the Ferry Advisory Committee. M/S/C

d. VIRL - No Report

7. New Business - None

Motion to Adjourn: 9:48 PM M/S/C

Incoming Correspondence:

Old School Roof Replacement - August 24, 2011
Denman Works - August 26, 2011
Axis Insurance - September 7, 2011
Request for Letter of Support HDCHCS Project- September 10, 2011

Outgoing Correspondence:

John Johnston - August 29, 2011
Axis Insurance - September 7, 2011
Axis Insurance - September 10, 2011
Letter of support for HDCHCS - Sept 12, 2011