

**Denman Island Residents Association
Executive Meeting Minutes February 14, 2011
Old School, 10am**

Call to Order 10.am

Members Present: Liz Johnston, Andrew Scruton, Derek Hood, Max Campill-Wedges, Doug Wright, Doug Ward, Nettie Cotter, Frank Frketich
Approval of Agenda M/S/C

DIVFD:

Re the 1983 contract between DIRA/CVRD to provide Denman Island Fire Services. The executive had approved that Frank Frketich meet to discuss this issue with the DIVFD as an action item at the earlier Executive February 7 meeting.

Frank met with DIFFA (Denman Island Fire Fighters Association) John Kirk, and also discussed this issue with DIVFD Fire Chief Don Lockett; Frank emailed the DIRA executive further to suggested ideas that were brought they discussed. This was in the form of a suggested interim solution they had developed with the request that it be brought forward as a motion or possible 'notice of motion at the upcoming General Meeting Feb 14.

The proposal model suggested:

1. The DIRA/CVRD 1983 Fire Services contract be asked to be reviewed by DIRA
2. Fiduciary administration responsibility would be handed to the DIFFA Fire Fighters Association
3. A three person board would be provided as an oversight committee to include two DIFFA members and one DIRA Executive member.

Many executives expressed concern re this proposed model concept and felt that they had not had ample time for consultation or discussion (2 days) which was the reason a special meeting was called on the Monday morning prior to the General Meeting. Discussion ensued, and no agreement could be reached regarding the proposal. Some executives expressed the need for an independent board, while some expressed that a compromise might be found if there was fair representation number on such a board. Others expressed that; as it was only an interim board for a year, this proposal could be a good option for now, as the CVRD would be bringing forward provincial changes anyways in the upcoming year, and that such a proposal should be decided by the membership.

All agreed that it was very important at this time to start discussion with the DIVFD, and this would be a positive step forward in that direction.

It was decided that as the executive were not able to find consensus on this issue, that they could not put it forward as a 'motion' nor 'a notice of motion' at Feb 14 GM only as discussion to date with the DIVFD & DIVFA. As yet the CVRD had not be included.

A motion was proposed that would simply 'support' Frank Frketich in presenting to the membership the discussed proposal to date with VFA/DIVFD as suggested.

Motion: That the DIRA Executive will support Executive member Frank Frketich in presenting a 'proposal of a process for an interim governance structure' (for one year, for an oversight committee of the Denman Island Volunteer Fire Dept (DIVFD) to the DIRA membership at the Feb 14 General Meeting. This would be then brought forward as a motion to the membership only after further discussion. **M/S/C**

Proposal of a process for an interim governance structure:

1. DIRA will write a letter to the CVRD requesting a review of the service contract for fire services for an interim period of one year. The purpose of this is to give the CVRD time to finish their review of how to deal with all the fire departments they are responsible for and to come up with a governance structure that is appropriate for all concerned.
2. The Volunteer Firefighters Association (VFA) would take up the service contract for the interim period of one year. Again to facilitate the process above.
3. There would be an oversight committee established make up of a VFA rep, a DIRA rep, and a chairperson. I have offered to be the DIRA rep but we need to decide if that should be an executive appointment or elected by the membership. The purpose of this oversight committee is to give the community input into the fire department until the final governance structure is worked out. That final structure, I believe, has to be worked out by the CVRD and DIRA.

Pesticide Free Committee: Further to The Pesticide Free Committees request that a motion be presented asking to discharge the committee from DIRA, concerns regarding liability concerns that needed to be addressed before any such discharge could be completed were discussed. The executive agreed that further wording and discussion was needed prior to any notice of motion. Derek (liaison) will bring this forward to the membership during the committee report section of the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: 11.20pm