

DRAFT and UNAPPROVED

Denman Island Residents Association

General Meeting

June 13, 2011

Held in the Back Hall of the Community Center

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

Call to Order: 7:32 PM

No quorum, proceeded with Information only Meeting.

Quorum Reached.

Motion: To resume the meeting from point #1 of the agenda and call the meeting to order. MISIC

1. Call to Order: 7:39 PM

2. Motion: To approve the Agenda as posted for tonight's meeting. MISIC

3. Motion: To approve the Minutes from May, 2011 AGM meeting. M/S/C

4. Executive Report

Motion: To approve Denise MacKean as a Director of DIRA. MISIC

Denman Works! is now a select committee of the CVRD. The following motion was put forward to terminate Denman Works! as a DIRA Committee.

Motion: Whereas Denman WORKS! has been recognized as a select committee of the CVRD since March 2011

and whereas Denman WORKS! is now a registered society under the Societies Act of British Columbia.

Be it resolved that DIRA terminate Denman WORKS! as a committee of DIRA

and further that DIRA return all Denman WORKS! funds held by DIRA to the CVRD. MISIT

The membership asked that the CVRD provide documents to DIRA severing the relationship and confirming a contractual arrangement between Denman WORKS! and the CVRD,

Action Item: The DIRA executive provide the membership with documentation regarding Denman WORKS!,

Committee Reports

a. Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department

The annual pancake breakfast will be held on July 3, 11.

Parking is a concern at a major fire - please be aware of where your vehicle is parked. The person in the green vest is in charge, please do not approach him unless necessary as he is very busy. The slab is poured at the new ambulance station, Consultants are preparing tenders for the end of June which will be awarded by mid-July. The quonset and modular hut have been purchased and the

station should be operational by September. The BC Ambulance Service has been paying rent since April 1, 2011.

b. Waste Management Committee No Report

c. Bill Mae Park Committee No Report

d. Dock Committee

The new dock is proceeding and is on schedule and on budget. The lock box will be installed shortly. Ferry parking will be reduced for at least the next week to 10 days. In the past few days, 56 yards of concrete were poured.

e. Parks Committee Report Attached

Peter Karsten spoke to his report and updated the membership on the progress at Morning Beach Park, the CVRD Parks and Greenways Plan, and the Pickles Road Trail. The bridge on the Pickles Road Trail has been completed and approval received from the DFO.

f. Swim Dock Committee No Report

g. Old School Committee No Report

h. Wild Life Advisory No Report

Liaison Reports

a. Denman Works! (Report below)

Simon Palmer added some commentary - that Denman Works! is looking to top up their grant of \$25,000 from the CVRD as their grant requests were subscribed at \$44,000. He asked that interested parties look at the new website - Denmanworks.com. The job board is up at the general store and thanked Peter for his talents on the new job board.

Submitted Report: On May 27 Denman WORKS! held its inaugural meeting as an incorporated Society, elected Officers, approved an Agreement with CVRD for the provision of economic enhancement services on the island and agreed to the holding of its first AGM once that Agreement is signed - July 1 being the target date. Whilst this is an important final step, simplifying our relationship with CVRD & thereby making it more efficient and surely less expensive (in terms of CVRD overhead charged to the Denman Island service), in practice, how we work, delivering economic enhancement services on the island, remains unchanged.

One big difference, as a Society, is the requirement to hold an AGM at which members (Denman residents and/or property owners) vote for the Board of Directors and ratify or otherwise endorse other important motions. Notice of this meeting will be posted on our website & in print well before the set date, likely late July.

Meantime the Community Project Grants process is on track, with 8 applicants significantly over subscribing the budgeted funds and the final recommendations already sent to the CVRD for their approval by mid-June.

By logging on to our website, now simply DenmanWorks.com you may access Minutes of committee meetings and read about other initiatives, all aimed at improving the socio-economic health of the island. Also on the site, the Request for Funding Assistance for those with projects requiring outside funding & therefore the employment of a Grant Facilitator. As always sponsorship by a non-profit organization is mandatory for this programme.

Finally, The Job Board is up, thanks to the General Store for providing the space, also to Peter Karsten for painting the lettering in his inimitably elegant fashion and to Orla Haagerup for the fine construction. The Job Board is intended as the place where those with skills or capacity may advertise and those looking for the same can make known their needs.

We are here to help make your projects a reality, one way or the other, so contact us at DenmanWorks@gmail.com or come to our next meeting, July 6 at 4.30pm in the Seniors' Hall Lounge, and tell us what you have in mind.

b. Island Trust No Report

c. Ferry Advisory No Report

It was mentioned that this committee is a select committee of B.C. Ferries.

d. VIRL No Report

7. Old Business

a. Raven Coal Mine

Patti Willis addressed the meeting detailing some of the deficiencies in the provincial Environmental Assessment Agency's Draft Application Requirements Guidelines. (dAIR).

Motion: Patti Willis move that DIRA submit comments to the provincial environmental Assessment Office and federal Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency on the Draft Application Information Requirements (dAIR) for the Raven Underground Coal Mine Project with copies to various provincial and federal officials, and to CoalWatch.MISIC

8. New Business

a, b and c were discussed together.

It was noted the impact that the CVRD is having on DIRA. The DIRA executive was asked if there is some kind of document that spells out DIRA's relationship with the CVRD.

It was stated that we don't have a sense of how much money is collected in taxes from Denman residents versus how much is coming back. How do we stand in this business relationship?

DIRA is a sounding body/advocacy group for Denman residents. If Denman residents are really insistent with the CVRD they will provide taxation figures to us. DIRA just provides a forum for various groups to bring forward their issues. DIRA needs to encourage other Denman organizations to come and let others know what is happening.

d. Peter Karsten requested input regarding the defacing of the "Denman Village,' signs that had been put up to slow traffic entering the commercial area of Denman. Apparently some residents have taken offence and defaced the signs. The signs will be taken down until the issue can be addressed. Traffic speed remains a concern.

Motion to Adjourn: 9:35 PM M/S/C

Incoming Correspondence,

1' Received via email: May 26,2011 from CVRD, Beth Dunlop advising on DIRA submitting requests for recreational grant.

2' Received via email June 1., 201L from CVRD, Wendy Byrne advising of grant-in-aid for insurance costs at the new dock.

Outgoing Correspondence.

1. Letter sent from Jane Kerr to CVRD, May 25, 201L requesting reimbursement for Grapevines ads
Re: Recreational Grant.

Activity Report of the Parks Committee to DIRA (PC) June 13, 2011,

Submitted by P. Karsten

Morning Beach Park.

The design concept had been sent out for referrals to various organizations involved with parks.

The CVRD is waiting to receive the development permit from the IT. Once obtained tenders can be called on the project and the PC can create a service trail to deliver materials to the site. The plan is to construct the staircase this summer between July and September.

GVRD PARKS & GREENWAYS PLAN

The "Final Draft Denman Island Parks and Greenways Masterplan (April 2011)" was submitted to the PC and DIRA. An introduction and overview was provided by Karen Albert to the regular monthly PC meeting June 6th. The PC made recommendations for some changes to the text and is working on formal referral which will be forwarded to the DIRA Board for additional review to generate a consolidated response to the CVRD by the target dead line of June 20th. Copies are available at Abraxas and on line at www.comoxvallevrd.ca for public viewing and input.

Karen Albert pointed out that consent of private property owners is clearly required. The survey indicates that access to green spaces and connectivity of trails are of primary interest. A ferry-to-ferry trail is considered a priority as expressed by the public.

Michael White was invited to report on the Denman Village Project, which is a renewed initiative to consider the enhancement of the "downtown" area with public amenities such as connecting trails, washrooms, a rest area etc. This planning project would integrate with the Parks & Greenways plan concept.

Alan Danks attended the meeting to comment on trails systems.

Pickles Road Trail

Steve Pratt the Area Supervisor for BC Park assigned to our region met with the PC onsite to approve the realignment of the multi-use trail leading from the Central Park to Pickles Road which required a new bridge suitable for horse crossings. He also obtained the approval of the DFO for the PC. The bridge has been constructed on the weekend June 11/12 in accordance with the applicable regulations.

B.C. Parks Liaison

The PC, consistent with its TOR, is prepared to serve a liaison function with B.C. Parks for parks matters primarily relating to maintenance and interim communication until the planning process for the new parks parcel commences in perhaps 18 to 24 months. The B.C Parks Area supervisor welcomes the service of the PC.