

TIRRA Executive Meeting
Thursday, March 8, 2018

After the meeting convened at 7:00 PM, the October 12, 2017 TIRRA Exec minutes were adopted. Present were: Stu Downey, President; Ernie Hunter, Treasurer; Claire Hess, Secretary; Graeme Shelford, Highways; Suzanne Sarioglu, St Margaret's Cemetery; reporting via email, Steve Frankel, Solid Waste and Welcome Package.

Stu reported on the Action item from the October 27, 2016 General Meeting - Ferry notice board repair/maintenance. All the materials are collected; good weather is awaited for completion.

Committee Updates:

Finance - Ernie Hunter is preparing the year end financial statement, virtually the same as last year, for the the AGM on Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Solid Waste - Steve sent an email as follows: Please refer to last report. Nothing to report from CVRD at this point.

Welcome - Steve sent an email as follows: Welcome Package in progress. We hope to have distributed late spring. At the meeting, Suzanne spoke of progress.

Transportation - Graeme reported that a recent wildfire assessment of our Island pointed to large patches of broom as a major fire hazard. An experiment could be prepared to house some goats on the North Cove verge in temporary fencing. This would alert Islanders to the need to tackle broom and, if successful, provide a template for further work. Permission from Highways is needed, and Andy Newall is checking out liability issues.

2. Beaver has flattened all the attempts keep the culvert open. Graeme is researching a stronger beaver baffle as destroying the beavers requires a permit that can take up to 6 months to get, according to the BC Ministry of Environment website.

3. Andy Newall continues to check on Victoria's progress in redesigning the ferry terminal. Michael Cormier is checking with BC Ferries whether they have heard anything from Victoria.

4. Mainroad's contract is up in September. It is rumoured that the new contract may not provide for highway maintenance yards on the Gulf Islands, or a dedicated highway worker on each island. Graeme will approach Islands Trust to ensure that the islands are adequately served.

5. TIPC has requested that overnight parking on the boat ramp and using the area as a boatyard be stopped. It is Highways property and they advise that the RCMP are the only party to enforce the rules, if necessary. Some quiet discussions may deal with the current issues.

Cemetery - Suzanne reported that dealing with the collapse of the bank continues to be a focus. St. Margaret's has been awarded a teaching workshop in October with Nikki Wright and Sea Change. The instructor for the workshop will be Dave Polster of Polster Environmental. A plan will be developed for managing bank instability and erosion and volunteers will work on bank stabilisation, rehabilitation and restoration.

There will also be new entrances but the work is slow. Gratitude is due to all the Islanders taking the long loop around the cemetery.

BF File & Correspondence - Claire The correspondence was a request from TICF for TIRRA appointee Nicole Chausson to continue thus starting her own two year TICF term having completed Ellen Rush's in March 2018. An email follow up overwhelmingly approved and Stu by email made the appointment, thanking Nicole for serving.

AGM prep:

Committee Reports must be submitted to Claire in a timely fashion so that they may be online prior to AGM on March 22, 2018.

The agenda includes: TIRRA Elections 2018, Committee Chairs 2018, BCF & TIVFD update - Keith Rush; TICF report: Nicole

Bylaw Approval led by Ernie; the bylaws are online for all to read.

New Business

TIPC appointments from TIRRA: completed by email.

Grant application for Wildfire Community Preparedness Day: Stu has applied.

CVRD Drinking Water and Watershed Protection: Mel is attempting to have us exempted from this tax since water management is on our Island, not CVRD.

4H Club

Stu moved that TIRRA donate \$600.00 to start the 4H club on the Island.

Discussion centered on this being in the mandate of TICF, not TIRRA. The point was advanced that we had supported TIPTA by donating the trailer to them. This was not felt to be a precedent since TIRRA had to dispose of the trailer in any event.

Motion failed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Submitted,

Claire Hess, Secretary