

President's Report 2019 (For Sept 2020 AGM: due to postponement of the March AGM)

I am incredibly lucky to have a highly skilled, passionate group of volunteers who complete the committee work throughout the year. I extend my personal thanks to each of the Officers, Committee Chairs, Employees and Volunteers.

General Updates:

Community Partnership Activities:

1) Letters of Recommendation and Support:

Grant for Compost start-up in Cooperation with Jollity Farm: grant declined. This is work that still makes sense to pursue when further grant opportunities arise.

Youth Community Partnership Program: grant approved enabling youth employment from August through October. Thank you to our THiNC partners. They were kind enough to send TIRRA a thank you card. Our community thanks Ann Eriksson for her work on this grant.

2) Financial Assistance:

\$1000 to support Federal Youth Employment Program for the initial program period ending August 1<sup>st</sup>. We received a thank you from the students and THiNC.

3) Trail Cooperation:

Coordinated with all parties to execute a trail licence to connect the parking lot off North Cove Road, to Fairy-slipper Trail. Without TIRRA involvement, the trail would not have opened for recreational use. Addition work is underway to have the trail licensed between Portal Holdings and Island's Trust Conservancy.

Administrivia:

Logo has been created for TIRRA, for use on Thetis posts etc.

TIRRA Executive held an Extraordinary Virtual Executive Meeting in which it was unanimously decided to postpone the March 2020 AGM until a future date, which has now been decided as September 12, 2020.

Trails- Thank you to Vicki and her team of volunteers for the continuing trail work, signage, and thank you to our community members who have agreed to have trails through their property.

Transportation- Thank you to Stu for your work with many community partners including ferries, Emcon and CVRD.

Solid Waste & Recycling - Thank you to volunteers and employees, a job well done. Your enthusiasm and commitment is appreciated by all residents. As for so many Thetis Island ventures, it would not be possible to operate the Solid Waste yard without great people investing their personal time!

St. Margaret's Cemetery – Thank you to Suzanne and her volunteers for the ongoing work to beautify and stabilize the cemetery property.

There has been a lot of community conversation about inclusiveness of decision making, information sharing and fiscal accountability. I ask you to hold me accountable that TIRRA meets your expectations on these goals, in the interest of all islanders.

Thank you for your support.

Regards, Wendy Hinsperger, TIRRA President