

Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC) Annual Report

March 27, 2014 AGM

- March 2013 AGM – a special meeting was called for May 11, 2013 to discuss increasing the \$40,000 budget cap. A motion was passed to increase the cap to \$100,000.
- The CVRD initiated the Alternate Approval Process for the increase which was voted against, and a referendum was called. December 6, 2013 – Referendum voting day – 82.7% of the electoral list voted – 92% yea, 8% nay.
- The Referendum cost \$13,724.70 and the AAP process cost \$901.30, which will be added to our 2014 SWMC budget. The Referendum financial statement from CVRD is attached to this report.
- The October 24, 2013 TIRRA General Meeting passed two important motions: 1) our waste management depot will become a controlled site (closed); 2) non-TIRRA member property owners will be able to vote on parcel tax items (e.g. Solid Waste).
- We require dedicated staff as well as volunteers to run the Solid Waste Depot.
- The Yard Manager position, (there was only one application), was awarded to Stephanie Cottell effective March 1; a Yard Assistant position will be posted before the AGM.
- Great thanks go to Vicki Walker, Chad Kerr, Gok and Suzanne Sarioglu, Andy Lamb, John Stadt and Tim French for their faithful commitment, come rain, snow or shine. There is still room for others to sign up for a 3 hour shift, once or twice a month.
- A Request for Proposal for hauling materials for recycling to Cascade Industries and Schnitzer Scrap metal is being posted in March.
- The 24/7 recycling drop-off trailer, currently shared with TIPA's refundable bottle program – will be CLOSED for recycling drop-offs when the main yard is controlled, but left OPEN for refundable bottles for the time being.
- More than half the volume in the garbage dumpsters continue to have recycling and/or composting. By instituting an up-service fee for larger garbage volumes, we hope to encourage recycling, decrease garbage, and generally achieve greater fairness with this user-pay approach. There will also be a drop-off fee for large items (e.g. stoves and fridges) which may be partially refunded if these items are re-purposed.
- We also want to check that our current recycling streams (path of a recycled item) are worth the effort: this is currently being researched and information will be posted.
- An additional gate has been installed so there will now be an entrance and exit to improve traffic safety. We expect by late April the dumpsters will be locked, the 24/7 recycling trailer will close for recycling, our new Depot employees will be on site and up-service fees will be introduced.
- Specifics will be posted regarding up-service fees and garbage volumes.

- A grassroots movement (not connected to the SWMC) has been newly formed to find/create ways to reduce garbage volume on Thetis. Contact Michelle Black michelle@mlblack.ca for info.
- Parcel tax rebates will be discussed at the March 2014 AGM. A draft of the 2014 proposed rebate policy (from TIRRA executive) is attached.
- TIRRA has joined the Coast Waste Management Assoc (CWMA) to assist us to keep abreast of the changes and opportunities in waste management.
- Blog postings and e-spokes will be used for continuing information.
- Thetis has produced 75 tons of garbage and 19 tons of recyclable materials.
- As we transition to a re-structure site, we are reminded again of Ron Bannister's leadership role in creating a viable system for our community. We are very grateful for his expertise and generosity of time. Thank you, Ron.

Vicki, Henry, Ernie



**THETIS ISLAND RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL FINANCIAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTION REFERNDUM 2013
COSTS**

<u>Combined Notice & Scrutineers - Individual Advertising:</u>		
NewsLeader -	October 23 & 30, 2013 (\$1067.84)	
Driftwood	October 23 & 30, 2013 (\$1649.97)	\$2717.81
<u>Notice of Other Voting - Individual Advertising:</u>		\$4996.93
NewsLeader -	November 6 & 13, 2013 (\$1004.32)	
Driftwood	November 6 & 13, 2013 (\$1274.80)	\$2279.12
<u>DCEO Accommodations:</u> <i>(Due to ferry schedule and polling station set up/opening)</i>		\$441
<u>Catering:</u>		
Off site (Nov 27 th , Dec 3 rd & 7 th)	\$558.78	
Meals – On site (December 7 th only)	\$ 49.71	
	\$608.46	\$608.46
<u>Ballots:</u> <i>(500 ballots x \$0..26 per ballot 300 ballots x \$0.13 per ballot)</i>		\$116.48
<u>Election Officials for:</u> November 27 th , December 3 rd and December 7 th , CEO, DCEO, Mail Ballot/Reception PEO, (includes 2 hours at Counter Rate for one Election Official on December 3 rd)		\$6,520.00
<u>Travel:</u> Includes Fuel, Ferry, and Mileage		\$536.83
<u>Facility Charges:</u>		
Forbes Hall, Thetis Island	\$400 (\$200/day, \$200 deposit)	
Pioneer Pacific Camp	\$105	
Total	\$505	\$505.00
TOTAL		13,724.70

Rebate Principles

- 1. All property owners benefit from a clean island with an effective solid waste management system, and all should contribute to its funding through at least one parcel tax levy.**
- 2. In the interest of fairness, owners of multiple properties with parcels that have no habitation and are not revenue generating, will be eligible to apply for a parcel tax rebate.**
- 3. Rebates represent an annual voluntary concession and not a long-term commitment.**
- 4. The level of rebate must be affordable to the community,**
- 5. The decision criteria and decision process must be clear and transparent.**

Criteria

1. The property is raw unused acreage or comprises undeveloped lot(s).
2. There are no services on the property (septic, power, well).
3. There are no buildings on the property, except for storage (e.g. chattels, equipment, water).
4. No revenue is generated from the property (e.g. logging, farming, recreational).

Administration ^

1. Rebate criteria and the Associated budget will be reviewed, approved and published annually by TIRRA.
2. Requests for parcel tax consideration must be submitted to TIRRA by August 31 of each year, and must indicate how eligible parcel (s) meet the criteria.
3. TIRRA Executive will be the decision authority.