

TIRRA MINUTES FROM EXECUTIVE MEETING MARCH 6 2014

MEETING AT 7.00 PM, FORBES HALL, IN ATTENDANCE, CHAIR: ERNIE HUNTER, REC SEC: KEN STINSON, GRAHAM SHELFORD, OTHERS UNAVAILABLE TO HEALTH OR OFF ISLAND COMMITMENTS

PARCEL TAX REBATES: 3 OF THE 4 REBATE APPLICATIONS BY DAVE HUNTER WERE APPROVED WITH THE CURRENT REBATE CRITERIA.

2014 CVRD BUDGET;

Solid waste request -----	55,600
CVRD operating fee-----	1,077
Referendum cost -----	13,724.70
AAP advertising-----	901,30
Total	71,303.00

INSURANCE: TIRRA CARRIES A POLICY WITH AON AS WELL AS THE CO-OPERATORS. THE CHAIR WILL CHECK TO SEE IF THERE IS AN UNNECESSARY OVERLAP.

RESULTS OF YARD MANAGER SEARCH: STEPHANIE COTTELL WAS ACCEPTED FOR THIS POSITION FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF 6 MONTHS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: THE TRANSPORTATION COM REPORTED THAT THE RECENT FAC MEETING WITH BC FERRIES WAS VERY POSITIVE. THE NEW PROPOSED SCHEDULE ACHIEVED A BALANCE OF SERVICE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE WISHES OF BOTH THETIS AND PENELAKUT ISLANDS.

CORRESPONDENCE: A LETTER (S.Frankel) EXPRESSING THANKS TO THE THETIS FAC ON A GOOD JOB IN DISCUSSING OUR ISSUES WITH BC FERRIES. ALSO A LETTER SUGGESTING THAT HYDRO BE CONTACTED AND ENCOURAGED TO DO FURTHER TREE LINBING ESPECIALLY ALONG PILKEY PT RD.

A LETTER (A.Rozewicz) SUGGESTING THAT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT POSSIBLY BE OPERATED BY A SEPARATE SOCIETY TO TAKE THE LOAD OFF TIRRA.

A DRAFT POLICY FOR PARCEL TAX REBATES WAS DISCUSSED AND PREPARED AS A BASE FOR DISCUSSION AT THE AGM AS FOLLOWS:

**PARCEL TAX REBATE POLICY 2014 –DRAFT** Mar 6<sup>th</sup>

**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, may be eligible to apply for a parcel tax rebate.**
- 3. Rebates represent an annual voluntary concession by the community and not necessarily a long term obligation.**

- 4. The level of rebate must be affordable to the community (not sure how we would define affordable)**
- 5. The decision criteria and decision process must be clear and transparent.**

### **Criteria**

1. There are no services on the property (septic, power, well).
2. There are no buildings on the property, except for storage (e.g. chattels, equipment, water).
3. No revenue is generated from the property (e.g. logging, farming, recreational).
4. Every property owner will pay at least once.

### **Administration**

1. Rebate criteria will be reviewed and approved at each TIRRA AGM and published annually in e-spokes and the Quarterly, and posted on the ferry bulletin board and community website.
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. The TIRRA Executive will be the decision authority.
4. Commercial applications will be handled by the executive on a case by case basis.

MEETING ADJORNED AT 8.30