

## **Thetis Island Solid Waste Management Committee 2012 Annual Report**

As the new Chairman of the Solid Waste Management Committee since January 2013, I've come to understand that the economic outlook for our solid waste management is challenging.

Since adopting the parcel tax in 2012, we've seen our solid waste disposal costs increase from approximately \$27,000 in 2011 to an excess of \$40,000 in 2012. Over \$5000 of this was for site improvements. Our current parcel tax cap with the CVRD is \$40,000. We have current liabilities to the parcel tax rebate program as well as to the General Fund.

Unfortunately, in order to save money, we need to spend money; money we currently do not have and a classic rock and a hard place story. The up side is this provides us with an opportunity to pursue other funding through grants and programs, which we are actively pursuing.

In the mean time, the TIRRA Exec is suggesting that the AGM discuss raising the parcel tax budget cap to \$60,000. This would require CVRD creating a new bylaw, similar in process to the current bylaw. If this were successful, additional funds would not be available till 2014. The main purpose of raising the cap would be to repay our liabilities and provide funds for improvements to the long term sustainability of our solid waste system.

Our preference is to continue managing our solid wastes with the current budget of \$40,000 by introducing reduce and reuse initiatives to educate and promote solid waste management at the source, our homes. It all starts with us being more diligent in how we choose to create and manage our household solid wastes. Please see the AGM power point presentation for further details.

Sincerely submitted,

Denis Gagnon