

MINUTES

Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association

Executive committee meeting
October 1, 2009 7 p.m.
Forbes Community Hall

PRESENT

President Ernie Hunter
Vice President Steve Frankel
Past President John Stadt
Treasurer Kevin Galbraith
Land use/Environment Ann Keir
Recording Secretary Dave Steen
Cemetery chair Lorrie Wood

Also present: Ron Bannister

COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer's Report:

Kevin Galbraith noted that to date this year TIRRA has 254 full time and 231 part time members, for a total of 485, compared to the final membership tally of 474 last year. To date, 239 households have paid their fee to the garbage fund, compared to a final number of 228 last year.

Balance in the general fund (non-garbage) is \$11,531.23. Revenues so far this year for garbage fund are \$21,489. Expenditures, however, exceed income by \$9,758.66, for the most part due to expenditures of \$17,443.76 for development of the garbage site.

The committee discussed the financing of its 2009 garbage fund, including the estimated year-end deficit of \$3,419, to be transferred from the general fund. It was also noted that if fees remain unchanged, next year's shortfall will be an estimated \$6,500.

Motion by Steve Frankel: That the Executive Committee recommend to the October 15 General Membership meeting that the 2010 individual household garbage fee be increased to \$120. Adopted after debate by a vote of 5 to 1

The committee instructed Kevin to circulate a financial report of the garbage operation and site development to Thetis residents and ratepayers by way of E-Spokes before the October 15 general membership meeting.

The committee received two letters regarding the garbage service sent to TIRRA from Kathryn and Gil Hardman and Bev Vreeswijk.

By consensus, the committee instructed President Ernie Hunter to meet with Ron Bannister to craft a draft letter of understanding between TIRRA and Ron regarding the provision of garbage-related services.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Committee thanked Grant Gordon for grading the garbage service site.

President Ernie reported that the province is not ready at this time to entertain an application for a provincially financed governance study for Thetis.

The Committee appointed Kelly Bannister to replace the retiring Pat Vickers as TIRRA's representative on the Thetis Community Fund. The Committee thanked Pat for her excellent work with the Fund.

In view of the resignations of Thetis representatives Ian Ralston and Doug Snyder from the Ferry Advisory Committee, the Committee decided to ask for FAC volunteers at the General Membership meeting on October 15.

Committee set the dates for 2010 meetings to the end of its term, as follows:

Executive Committee January 14, 7 p.m.

Executive Committee March 4, 7 p.m.

Annual General Meeting March 18, 7.30 p.m. (A public presentation by the Chemainus Health Care Association will start at 7 p.m.)

The meeting adjourned at 8.52 p.m.