

MINUTES

Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association

General membership meeting
October 15, 2009, 7.30 p.m.
Forbes Community Hall

Executive present

President Ernie Hunter
Treasurer Kevin Galbraith
Recording Secretary Dave Steen
Transportation chair Graeme Shelford
Land use chair Ann Keir
Cemetery chair Lorrie Wood

Total attendance: 16

MINUTES of June 25, 2009 and June 22, 2009 were adopted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT was presented by Kevin Galbraith. He noted TIRRA full time members now number 254, compared to 229 at year end last year, and part time members are at 239, compared to 245 last year. Balance in the TIRRA general fund on October 15 is \$11,574, up from \$11,060.22 on January 1, 2009. Balance in the garbage fund is \$2,836.43, down from \$14,146.38 on January 1, 2009. Kevin explained that the decrease is mostly the result of a one-time capital expenditure of \$16,713.30 for garbage site development. TIRRA's total cash holdings are \$14,411.22.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

President Ernie reported on TIRRA's commitment to remove debris adjacent to the community trail near Mission Rd. A bin may be rented for \$385. Tom Lee has offered to use his equipment to load the bin with debris for no charge. There may be some revenue from the sale of the metal. There may be room in the bin for other saleable metal scraps from other sites on the island, which will further reduce the total project cost to TIRRA.

President Ernie said the province is not ready at this time to consider financing an investigation into incorporating Thetis as a municipality.

President Ernie said the purchase of a compactor for island garbage has been put on hold, although TIRRA continues to 'look for a deal'.

Following discussion of Thetis representation on the Ferries Advisory Committee, it was decided that TIRRA would advise BC Ferries that Anne Keir, Sue French and Chris Pegg have volunteered to serve on the committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation: Graeme Shelford said there have been requests for 'hidden driveway' signs to be installed. He will make further checks for proposed sites at various sites around the island and then ask the Ministry of Highways to install them.

Land Use: Anne Keir reported on the complaints and comments she's received from residents regarding dog poop particularly in the vicinity of the ferry dock. She has asked BC Ferries to place a disposable bags dispenser at the dock.

Community Trail: The committee reported that the trail surface is in good shape, but some trimming is required in areas of overgrowth.

Sanitation: In the absence of Committee Chair Kathleen McIsaac, Kevin Galbraith outlined details of the garbage fund deficit. Following a full debate, two related motions were adopted:

Moved by John Stadt and seconded by Grant Babin that up to \$5,000 from TIRRA's general fund be used to cover the garbage fund deficit for 2009.

Moved by Dave Tarris and seconded by Dave Steen that the TIRRA individual garbage fund fee for 2010 be \$104.

Executive Committee: Minutes from the October 1, 2009 TIRRA executive meeting were read. The minutes included a note that the committee instructed President Ernie to meet with Ron Bannister to craft a draft letter of understanding between TIRRA and Ron regarding the provision of garbage-related services.

NEW BUSINESS

Islands Trust Peter Luckham reported on a number of Trust issues and initiatives, including the provincial instruction to the Trust and all local governments in BC (Bill 27) to set targets by next May to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As a result of Peter's comments about concerns from our First Nations neighbours over a TIRRA document published in the late 1990s, it was decided to find the document for discussion at the next TIRRA executive meeting.

Alex Rozewicz's recommendation that TIRRA ask Grant Gordon what's required in order to make an application to the Ministry of Highways to have Thetis roads repaved was accepted. Graeme Shelford said he will consult with Grant.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:20 p.m.