

MINUTES

Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association

Executive committee meeting
March 4, 2010, 7 p.m.
Forbes Community Hall

PRESENT

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

READING OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 14, 2010 TIRRA executive committee meeting were read.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS: The committee approved, by unanimous consent, a recommendation by Ernie Hunter to appoint Steve Frankel to assume the role of Sanitation Chair, and Denis Gagnon to be corresponding secretary for the remainder of the current term. (The positions were left vacant by the resignations of Barbara Williamson and Kathleen McIsaac.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

Committee received a report from Kevin Galbraith. He said TIRRA's financial books are at the accountant's office for their annual review. He noted that \$3,603 has been transferred from the general to the garbage fund to cover a shortfall from last year. Fees amounting to 65 percent of last year's total have already been collected this year. These include approximately \$1,100 for the general fund and \$11,400 for garbage service. Kevin also read three letters from members who won't be using the garbage service this year. Kevin's full financial report and an acknowledgement of the three letters will be made at the Annual General Meeting on March 18, 2010. Following a discussion, Denis Gagnon volunteered to explore ways to ensure that every Thetis ratepayer and resident is contacted and advised about TIRRA's garbage service and fee system.

Other committees:

Some committee chairs gave brief reports. Annual committee reports are to be published and made available at the March 18 Annual General Meeting.

Other business:

Ernie Hunter reported that he has signed a letter of understanding with Ron Bannister of Ravenscall Enterprises Ltd. regarding recycling services contract between TIRRA and Ravenscall for a five-year term. Committee had previously voted to approve the conditions of the agreement in principle and instructed Ernie to meet with Ron Bannister to discuss the possibility of providing volunteer help for the garbage/recycling operation and to clarify a few minor points in his letter.

Ernie also updated the committee on the position paper prepared by a 'treaty process committee' for TIRRA in the late 1990s. Committee decided to take no action for the time being.

The Committee discussed ways to attract a higher turnout for the upcoming Annual General Meeting on March 18 at Forbes Hall. Several ideas will be explored by members.

The following meeting schedule was recommended by the committee:

General Meetings: June 17 and October 21; 2011 AGM March 17 (7.30 p.m.)

Executive Meetings: June 3, October 7, January 13, March 3.

The meeting adjourned at 8.40 p.m.