

MINUTES

Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association

Executive committee meeting
June 3, 2010, 7 p.m.
Forbes Community Hall

PRESENT

President Ernie Hunter
Vice President Steve Frankel
Treasurer Kevin Galbraith
Transportation Graham Shelford
Land use/Environment Ann Keir
Cemetery chair Lorrie Wood
Denis Gagnon, corresponding secretary
(Doreen Lilley, acting secretary)

READING OF MINUTES: Summaries of minutes of the March 4, 2010 TIRRA executive committee meeting and March 18 Annual General Meeting were read.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Lorrie asked about the possibility of including “responsible animal care” in the TIRRA mission statement or general objectives as supported by the AGM. The matter to be considered during the pending review of TIRRA’s bylaws.

Denis said he’s continuing his search for a comprehensive property list to ensure that every Thetis ratepayer and resident is contacted and advised about TIRRA’s garbage service and fee system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report:

To date, TIRRA has 421 members (last year total was 492). Balance in the General Fund stands at \$8,052.81; and the balance in the Garbage Fund is \$12,247.39, for a total of \$20,300.20. Reminders are being sent to property owners who haven’t paid their 2010 fees. Kevin reported receiving about 15 letters concerning TIRRA’s garbage program (mostly concerning availability) since the new system has been operating. Some people are choosing not to use TIRRA’s service and, instead, take garbage off the island to dispose of it elsewhere. A detailed explanation about the service and its benefits to Thetis property owners will be included in next year’s request for fees. The committee raised concerns about “non-household” garbage. Ernie and Steve will look into the possibility of setting up a ‘fee-for-use’ garbage bin for extra items. Dennis read a letter sent to Capernwray Bible Centre for their generous \$500 contribution to the Garbage Fund. Capernwray does not use TIRRA’s system.

Transportation:

Graham reported that the re-paving program for 2010 is inadequate. He explained that the province assigns Thetis a ‘meagre’ yearly coverage limit. Graham said he’s awaiting a Thetis visit from a provincial highways official; at that time various issues such as signs for speed limits, hidden driveways and ferry terminal road safety will be raised.

Other business:

Lorrie reported briefly about the cemetery; and Ann about land use.

Committee members expressed concern about the continuing problem of trash at the ferry notice board. It was decided to remove the disposal bin.

Concern was also raised about the placing of commercial signs on public property. It was decided to send letters to persons who installed these signs.

The Thetis Visitors Guide was raised and needs to be reviewed before next years publication.

After a discussion about the possibility that TIRRA 'may' appoint two members at large to the Thetis Island Community Association (in TICA bylaws), the committee decided this is no longer necessary as TICA operates on their own and perhaps they should amend their bylaws accordingly.

Committee discussed the process of appointing TIRRA representatives to the Community Fund Board. Ernie has not yet had a reply from TICF Board re an inquiry about appointment protocol.

Steve asked the Committee to help in deciding where to place the Thetis Island school children's 'mosaic mural of the Thetis community'. One possibility, suggested by the children, is at the Community bulletin board. Another is to place it at the Community Hall. Steve will continue his discussions about it with the school.

The meeting adjourned at 8.55 p.m.