

Thetis Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association (TIRRA)

Executive Meeting Minutes 14 October 2010

Attendees: Ernie Hunter, Ann Keir, Kevin Galbraith, Denis Gagnon, Steve Frankel

Old Business

Minutes of last GM need to be ratified for reading at the October GM.

New Business

Treasurer's Report

Recycling cost is driving the garbage budget higher than originally expected. This will result in an estimated shortfall of funds of \$4000, for the year 2010. The Executive agreed to take to the GM that the shortfall is taken from General Funds. TIRRA is not an association with a mandate to accumulate funds. To cover the shortfall, the garbage collection fee would need to be between \$140 and \$150 per household. The Executive agreed to table at the GM that the garbage fund fee be set at \$150 for the year 2011.

Committees

The Transportation report providing outcome of discussions with BC Highways will be presented at the GM.

Garbage fees are currently being requested from 242 households. To date, 90% of households have paid, and reminders are being sent out. The Executive should be prepared to discuss cost drivers such as garbage load and recycling costs. The Executive agreed to pursue lower cost alternatives to reduce the recycling costs.

The Executive agreed to delete the \$5 fee for BBQs, small appliances and other electronics from the Thetis Island Return and Recycle Service document, which is being developed into a brochure to be sent out with the garbage fund requests in January 2011.

TIRRA expends much effort in managing the collection and administration of funds. Some funds are difficult to collect, if ever. The audit on whether we are requesting funds from all eligible households continues. A past idea of having the CVRD collect a garbage fee per land parcel should be revisited and the Executive agreed to table at the GM that the idea be pursued further with the CVRD.

BC Ferry Advisory is concerned about rising fares due to Government cutbacks and reduced loads.

Other Appointments

Per other Committee's Bylaws, Ernie asked that the Executive provide a list of candidates for consideration for appointment to these Committees.

Thanks Recognitions

The Executive agreed to table at the GM that recognition be provided to individuals responsible for providing the following services:

Quarterly - Veronica et al

e-Spokes - Claire et al

Recycling - Ron et al

