

Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2014 Forbes Hall

Call to order: 7:02 pm Chair: E. Hunter, Recording: K. Stinson Members Attending: 36 Non: 3
Using Robert's Rules 11th edition. The chair presented clarification re voting privileges and the basic agenda.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the Oct 24th, 2013 General Meeting had been posted at the bulletin and online.

S. Frankel moved to adopt the minutes of the Oct 24th, 2013 General meeting as posted.

Seconded, Carried

Minutes of the Jan 30, and Mar 6th, 2014 Exec Meetings had been posted for information
Items from the minutes:

- Notice of motion was given for proposed changes to the bylaws for voting at the June 19th, 2014 GM as follows:

Article VI

Addition to section 10.

New point (d)

"At any General or Special General Meeting where the agenda includes a motion that in any manner pertains to the Association's parcel tax levy, then all owners of property on Thetis Island may attend the Meeting, participate in discussion with respect to and vote on such motion. Any individual who attends a Meeting pursuant to this bylaw and is not a Member of the Association may be required to establish their eligibility as an owner of property on Thetis Island in a manner reasonably determined by the Chair of the General Meeting."

Article VI

Addition to section 4.

"Where any General or Special General Meeting includes an agenda item which in any manner pertains to the Association's parcel tax levy, then the notice of such meeting shall stipulate that all Thetis Island property owners are eligible to attend, participate in the discussion and vote with respect to motions arising from such parcel tax levy agenda item."

--Re insurance coverage, Karen Baylis our agent from Cooperators suggests we could save some money by using Volunteer Canada for our Liability Package. **It was moved by J. Stadt that we move our Liability coverage to AON Volunteer Canada. Seconded, Carried.**

2. Correspondence

A letter from Easton Vance questioning the value of Islands Trust as a 4th level of governance

A letter from Dave Hunter regarding 2013 parcel tax rebates

Items from Correspondence:

--**E. Vance moved that the TIRRA Executive seek an amendment to the "Islands Trust Act" to remove Thetis Island from its jurisdiction. Seconded. Lengthy debate, 11 affirmative, 15 negative, 5 abstaining, motion defeated.**

--**V. Shelford moved that TIRRA send a letter to Islands Trust re financial concerns and requesting information on the amount of tax money collected from Thetis and how it is dispersed. Seconded, carried**

3. Treasurer's Report

The TIRRA auditor, Blair Wood, is still currently working on back filing 12 years of tax returns for Revenue Canada. The 2013 audited financial statement was not available and

proposed to be presented at the June GM. The approximate funds at 2013 year end were \$800

TIRRA currently has 298 voting members

Committee Annual Reports are posted on the web

4. Transportation Committee report

G. Shelford reported that the repainting of the yellow centre line is in this years road budget. The Moore Hill road sloughing has not been solved but appears to be stable for the time being. S. Frankel pointed out that there are a number of overhanging tree on the northern part of Pilkey Point Road which become somewhat dangerous for hydro or road crews during a snow storm.

K. Rush updated on the ferry schedule changes and suggested that they would come into effect on April 28th. Recognition was given to those who worked at length to make it happen.

5. Cemetery Committee report

S. Sarioglu reported that work is underway for expanding into the new section of the cemetery

6. Trails report

Doreen L. reported that the trails are in good condition and thanks was given for help from Capernwray students.

6. SWMC Vicki Walker reporting:

Stephanie Cottell has been hired as the Yard Manager

Ron Bannister was thanked for his long term involvement in setting up and operating the system over the last 6 years

The ongoing recycling volunteers were also recognized

The SWMC is continuing to pursue various grant applications, working to improve the site to allow for entrance and exit traffic and continuing to work on ways to reduce the amount of recyclables in the garbage by providing options and instituting garbage fees.

7. TICF

Ellen Rush gave a brief update on the fund activities and thanked the community for their support which has assisted 54 requests and distributed over \$63,000 over the last 8 years. It was moved by J. Caldbeck *that Ellen Rush be appointed for another 4 year term on the TICF*. Seconded, Carried

8. TIPC

There are two positions to re-appoint for 3 years. Carolyn Askew and Joe Squire are standing for re-election. It was moved by K. Rush *that these two positions be filled by C. Askew and J. Squire*. Seconded, carried. (the chair realized after the meeting adjourned that it was Chris Pegg, not Joe Squire who was allowing his name to stand. It will be reviewed at the June GM)

9. Elections

Vice Pres. Steve Frankel held the election proceedings.

The following officer positions were elected by acclamation:

President: *Ernie Hunter* Vice Pres: *Steve Frankel*

Treasurer: *Ken Stinson* Rec. Secretary: *Ken Stinson*

Corresponding Secretary: *Stu Downey*

Committee Chairs:

Transportation: *Graeme Shelford* Com. Trail: *Doreen Lilley*

Cemetery: *Suzanne Sarioglu* SWMC: *Vacant*

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm