

TIRRA GENERAL MEETING October 23 2014 FORBES HALL 7.00 PM

CHAIR: E. HUNTER, RECORDING: K. STINSON, IN ATTENDANCE 20 MEMBERS 4 NON-MEMBERS

THE CHAIR OUTLINED THE NON-MEMBER VOTING PRIVILEGES PERTAINING TO THE SOLID WASTE TAX. A VERBAL AGENDA WAS GIVEN.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19th GENERAL MEETING WERE READ. K. RUSH MOVED THE ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES AS READ, SECONDED, CARRIED. THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF SEPT. 11th AND OCT. 2nd WERE READ FOR INFORMATION.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: MOSQUITO PROBLEMS ON THE ISLAND. STU DOWNEY ADVISED HE WAS STUDYING THIS ISSUE AND WILL REPORT BACK ON POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

REPORTS:

TRANSPORTATION- MAIN ROAD IS PREPARING FOR CHIP SEALING SOME OF THE GRAVEL ROADS THIS SUMMER. ARBORIST FROM MAIN ROAD IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF TREES REQUIRING ATTENTION ON PILKEY POINT ROAD.

FERRY- K. RUSH UPDATED FERRY INFORMATION AND ADVISED A REPORT IS EXPECTED FROM THE FERRY COMMISSIONER NOVEMBER 3 .

KEITH ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IS NOT PLANNING ANY INCREASE IN THEIR 2015 BUDGET.

CEMETERY: SUZANNE SARIOGLU REPORTED THERE IS DEBRIS TO BE DISPOSED OF AFTER THE ANNUAL CLEAN-UP. THE GREEN SHORES WORKSHOP HOSTED BY THE ISLANDS TRUST LAST SUMMER PROVIDED VALUABLE ADVICE ON BANK EROSION.

ST. MARGARET'S AND THE COMMUNITY FUND SHARED THE COST OF SENDING JANICE YOUNG TO THE "THRESHOLD OF LIFE" WORKSHOP IN BELLINGHAM.

TRAILS: DAVID STEEN REPORTED THE TRAIL IS IN GOOD CONDITION.

ISLAND TRUST: P. LUCKHAM REPORTED THAT THE OCP FOR THE ASSOCIATE ISLANDS IS ALMOST COMPLETE. THE SUMMER GREEN SHORES WORKSHOP WAS DESIGNED TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH ISLAND CONTRACTORS AND WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT INDIVIDUAL TAX BILLS MAY SHOW FLUXUATING AMOUNTS AS ASSESSMENT VALUES CHANGE.

S. FRANKEL SUGGESTED THAT TIRRA HOST AN ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING FOR THE UP-COMING NOV 15th ISL. TR. LOCAL TRUSTEE ELECTION. 3PM NOV 1st SEEMED THE BEST TIME.

SPECIAL GUEST: MEL DOREY DIRECTOR FOR AREA G CVRD ANNOUNCED THAT THETIS ISLAND'S SHARE OF AREA G GAS TAX GRANT AMOUNTS TO \$22,500 AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES. HE ADVISED THAT HE ALSO HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH TELUS ON THE ISSUE OF INTERNET SERVICE FOR PILKEY POINT ROAD.

SOLID WASTE: VICKI WALKER MADE A PRESENTATION ON THE GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SINCE THE NEW SYSTEM HAS BEEN IN PLACE. GARBAGE AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY ABOUT 50% WHILE RECYCLING HAS INCREASED. OTHER PERTINANT STATISTICS WERE GIVEN.

FINANCIAL: A FULL FINANCIAL UPDATE WAS GIVEN BY E. HUNTER. THE 2015 SOLID WASTE BUDGET WAS DISCUSSED. GARBAGE EXPENSES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PARCEL TAX AS BAG FEES ARE PLANNED TO COVER THE GARBAGE COSTS. V. WALKER MOVED THAT WE INCLUDE IN THE 2015 BUDGET THE \$3713.24 STILL OWING TO THE GENERAL FUND. SECONDED, CARRIED. THIS BRINGS THE BUDGET TOTAL TO \$45,738.24.

APPROVAL OF THE ADJUSTED BUDGET FOR 2015 WAS MOVED BY SUZANNE SARIOGLU, SECONDED, CARRIED.

Rebate	4,000
Garbage (using bag fees)	0
Baler Rental	600
Maintenance and	
minor improvements	2,000
Supplies	1,500
Bridge Funding	2,500
Recycle Hauling	5,500
Employees	22,000
Rev Can	1,375
WCB	550
Cap Imp Fund	2,000
<u>Gen Fund repay (final)</u>	<u>3,713.24</u>
Total funds requested	45,738.24
Provincial fee	2,402
<u>CVRD fee</u>	<u>900</u>
Approx total	\$49,040

This nets a parcel tax levy of approx \$139 for 2015

K. RUSH MOVED THAT WE LEAVE THE MEMBERSHIP FEES THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, SECONDED, CARRIED.

MEETING ADJORNED AT 9.40 PM