

TIRRA General Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2015, 7:00PM – 8:30PM

The meeting was called to order and greeted by the Chair, Steve Frankel. Minutes of the AGM in March, 2015 and the Special Meeting on a PMP, May 30, 2015 were approved as they appear online at <http://www.thetisisland.net/tica-tirra/tirra.htm>

Committee Reports

Solid Waste

Ernie Hunter reminded the meeting that the baler now belongs to TIRRA, thanks to a grant that Mel Dorey, our area rep at CVRD was able to help us obtain from CVRD. He also announced that Glen Andison is the new Yard Manager Assistant for TIRRA's Thetis Island Solid Waste Depot, discussed again that CVRD had taken too much tax this year which means that TIRRA will have to request less next year and finally reminded everyone that volunteers are always needed at the Solid Waste Depot to keep costs down and the workload manageable.

Cemetery

Steve? reported that there is action on the ditch remediation and a clean up day coming. Anyone interested in coming out to clean, please call Simone Luckham.

Trails

Report read by Andy Keir is filed at the end of these minutes

Highways

Graeme Shelford reported that repairs and patching are progressing on the roads including Moore Hill. The Highways mower caused a fire elsewhere and no further official mowing will be done in BC this summer. Grant has done some clearing. A suggestion was made that there be an eSPOKES asking islanders to carefully clear their own verges, remaining aware that they are responsible if they cause any damage to users of the road.

Stu Downy gave a report on the special meeting and the progress on the PMP.

A Fire Smart Information Presentation by Graeme Shelford illustrated the effectiveness of sprinkler protection for houses in wildfire areas. Clearing around the house is also helpful. Discussion ensued.

Steve spoke on establishing Improved Communication with other Committees. Several ideas were brought out by the meeting. Not only was communication between Boards approved but taking the time to simply define the various organizations in a brief way in the Quarterly and other Island communications was a helpful recommendation.

Easton Vance read an objection to the Islands Trust Budget. The meeting requested that our Islands Trust Representatives be asked to come to the next general meeting of TIRRA.

The meeting adjourned on time.

COMMUNITY TRAIL REPORT

1. Firstly, Vickie and I would like to extend a very big "thank you" to Doreen and Dave for their many years of care and attention to the community trail. That the trail is such a benefit to the community is largely due to their many hours of hard work on our behalf.

2. ThINC recently held a nature walk and used the trail as a part of the event. To facilitate this, the trail was cleared and marked and some hazardous trees removed. Many thanks to Ralf Kempe

for dealing with the trees which required removing and also for constructing a bridge over a small stream crossing the trail.

3. There are several areas along the trail where drainage is an issue and we plan to address some of these.

4. The signs indicating the diversion from the Lawrence Trail to avoid private property will be replaced.

Vicki Walker and Andy Keir