

TIRRA AGM Minutes
March 24, 2016, 7pm

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In attendance: 51, including all officers and committee chairs

Opening the meeting, Steve Frankel, president, mentioned the Executive's gratitude for the service that John Stadt had given TIRRA and the community. John continues to volunteer in our Recycle yard.

Elections

The following positions were filled by acclamation:

Past President: Steve Frankel

President: Stu Downey

Vice President: Rob Spencer

Treasurer: Ernie Hunter

Secretary, Corresponding and Recording: Claire Hess

Committee Chairs:

Trails: Andy Keir

Transportation: Graeme Shelford

Cemetery: Suzanne Sarioglu

Solid Waste Management: Vicki Walker, Stephanie Cottell

Update FAC and TIID Presentation

Keith Rush gave a brief update on the latest Ferry Advisory Committee, BC Ferries information, which directly pertains to Rt.20, Thetis and Penelakut islands.

Keith Rush then gave a presentation from the TIID on the new provincial fire department regulations that will affect all rural volunteer fire departments, their governance and residents.

A text copy of the Powerpoint used by Keith is in the Appendix below.

The important take-away is that the Thetis Island Volunteer Fire Department and its AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction), the TIID (Thetis Island Improvement District), have new standards to meet.

Keith asked everyone to attend the Thetis Island Improvement District AGM, April 23, 2016 at 10 AM in Forbes Hall for more information and some discussion. Note his article in the Spring, 2016 edition of TICA's Thetis Island Quarterly (Volume 69, No. 1)

Solid Waste Management information and updates

Vickie Walker read a report to be posted to the website.

Ernie Hunter made a few comments re the annual financial report and moved the adoption of the report as posted on the community web. Seconded, carried.

Thanks were extended to Glen Andison and Louise Esquirol for their work. Mel Dorey, our CVRD representative will be visiting.

Fire Smart Community Inservice Meeting

TIRRA has arranged for a Fire Smart Community Inservice Meeting, to be held Saturday, May 7, 2016, 9 AM at Forbes Hall. It will be conducted by the CVRD Emergency Social Services.

Roadway concerns, pedestrians safety: Pilkey Point, North Cove Roads:

Some discussion of the dangers of walking on the Thetis roads led to formation of a committee to examine the issues. Graeme Shelford, TIRRA's Transportation Committee, will chair, with Andy Kier as TIRRA Trails Committee participating. Carolyn Askew, Michelle Black, Steve Frankel and Jeannine Caldbeck have volunteered. Suzanne Sarioglu mentioned that the Thetis Island Nature Conservancy also is interested in supporting trails. Peter Luckham raised the possibility of having a Road Safety Analysts completed, which the Committee will investigate.

Thetis Island Community Fund

Ellen Rush, the retiring TIRRA appointed member of TICF, explained the structure and purposes of the TICF as mandated in 2006 by Charities Canada. TIRRA has a total of two appointees to the TICF. Alana Delong is the other TIRRA appointed member to the TICF, Tim French will replace Ellen Rush this spring. TICA and TICF will jointly host the 6th Annual Summer Soiree to be held at Forbes Hall in August. Don Sinclair and Ellen Rush will co chair the event.

The meeting adjourned before 8:45 PM.

The executive committee thanks Steve Frankel for his service as President during a year of many challenges.

Appendix: Powerpoint by Keith Rush

**Thetis Island Residents & Ratepayers Association
AGM
Update FAC
TIID Presentation
March 24th, 2016
Keith Rush**

FAC Update

- No rate increase this year, fleet wide: 1.9% increase is offset by a 1.9% fuel rebate
- Additional 5% reduction for Route 20
- The new schedule achieves \$100 K annually in savings above the \$80 K mandated by the province.
- \$2 million at the fare box. \$100 K is 5%
- Retroactivity...

TIID (AHJ-Authority Having Jurisdiction) Topics

- Current Service
- Level of Service: Exterior; Interior; Full
- New Fire Safety Act

- New Training Standards
- Capital Replacement
- CVRD Discussion...
- Summary

Current Service

- Structural (room and contents)
- Interface: Structures/forest protection
- Hazardous Materials: awareness level
- First Responders Medical: FR III with endorsements
- Road Rescue: fire/rescue/auto extrac.
- Technical Rescue: low bank/low angle
- Marine Fire Suppression: shore based
- S&R: initial search only
- Confined Space: awareness level only
- Electrical: awareness and fire response
- Public Assists
- Junior Fire Fighter Program
- Auxiliary
- 911 Hang-up assist to the RCMP

Choose Level of Service

- Local Conditions
- Consultation with TIVFD
- Availability and ability of resources to respond
- Realities of the community
- Ability of the ID to financially support and meet all operational and safety requirements
- Mid June

Fire Safety Act

- Have to reconcile 30 years of volunteer generosity: An essential service.
- The new Fire Safety Act replaces the Fire Services Act.
 - Currently working its way through the legislature
 - Product of extensive consultation
 - First update in over 20 years
 - New minimum training standards
 - There's no avoiding it...

New Training Standards

- Have to be able to demonstrate through documentation that FF have received training and meet the competency and knowledge standards that are set out by the OFC
- We have a very ambitious training program
- 18 months to meet the standards of Exterior
- Other things as well (FR, WF, VE,OB Rescues, etc). Even the Chief has to train

Capital Replacement

- Fire Engines
 - Engine I: 1999. Times out in 2024 as a front line unit. Can be used as a second line unit...

- Engine II: 1999 chassis, 1982 pump (2008)
- Vehicles: Rescue, Command, Tender
- Buildings: Pilkey Hall. Main Hall
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Water Storage

CVRD Discussion

- Provide an option for residents to consider
- Current model may not be not sustainable
- Early stages
- Some efficiencies possible
- Weigh the downsides
- Encouraged by the Province
- May be inevitable...

Summary:

- Expect costs to rise...training, capital, ongoing repairs and maintenance
- Volunteers:
 - Increased demands on their 'gift' to us. Sustainable?
 - Regulatory environment is getting 'trickier'.
 - We need to consider a living wage: Chief, public assists, etc.
- April 1st Burn Permits
- April 23rd TIID AGM. 10 AM Forbes Hall. More info then