

TIRRA Executive Meeting, 7PM, Thursday, June 2, 2016

Present were: Stu Downey, President; Rob Spencer, VP; Ernie Hunter, Treasurer; Claire Hess, Secretary; Andy Keir, Trails; Graeme Shelford, Highways; Vicki Walker, Solid Waste

The minutes of the TIRRA Executive Meeting, Thursday, March 3, 2016 and Special Meeting of TIRRA Executive, Thursday, April 21, 2016 were approved.

Trails update:

Andy had exciting news of some potential trail extensions on adjacent properties, which do not require too much work as well as describing some of the unavoidable work. He distributed the Gabriola Island Trail Licence Agreement and will contact Gabriola Trails Trust for further input on the benefits of licensing vs leasing including what liability insurance they maintain. He also presented rough estimates of trail construction costs.

Rob Spencer reported on a number of available grants from various levels of government for which we can make application.

Ernie will talk to our insurer to determine whether licensing vs leasing is the most effective way to go in relation to our insurance coverage.

Reminder of Dickie trail tour 18th June 1:00pm meet by Fire Hall.

Highways safety issues:

Graeme reported on a committee meeting with Andy Newell responsible for Highways on Thetis MOTI Saanich/Gulf Islands discuss road safety including the ferry terminal plus the issue of mowing before the fire safety precludes it. We have had one mowing already this year and more work will be done on the issue. Graeme reported that Andy and the Committee had some interesting ideas for improving road safety at the Ferry Dock, including the possibility of a flashing light, of more stop lines on the road, clearing of overgrowth obscuring the view, improving lighting in the area.

Also part of Graeme's report was an acknowledgement that the Islands Trust has received the request for a Thetis Island Highway Safety Review and that these things take time to come to fruition.

Solid Waste update: Vicki reported that much thought is going into renewals of the contracts and of the points of sale for recyclables. There will be more to report in the future. TIRRA has extended it's hauling contract with Ron Bannister of Ravenscall as drop off locations are in the process of being revised. Update on yard visioning, lease, back-hauling info cards, recycling revenue, and grant.

Cemetery update:

Suzanne was not present but had stated " There is nothing new to report for the cemetery."

FireSmart Workshop:

A discussion of repeating the successful workshop included Graeme's suggestion that new presentations are always needed. Graeme reported that the Fire Department had received no complaints about the campfire ban for the first time ever and that he has had requests for site visits showcasing his rooftop fire sprinkler system. See Graeme's article in the Quarterly.

OCP revision W5 Penelakut Seafoods:

Noted that this issue was being handled by appropriate levels of government and that there was little appetite for TIRRA Executive to become involved at this time.

TIPC recommendations from TIRRA: voted in favour of the following individuals for unspecified terms. Unspecified in that we are unsure of what terms are required to provide needed stability for TIPC moving forward. Each individual has agreed to have their name put forward.

Pat Mooney

Joe Squire

Carolyn Askew

Dave Knowles

Peter Theriault

Thanks to each for agreeing to have their name recommended.

TICF: TIRRA nominations

Ellen Rush has agreed to continue on a temporary basis. Tim French has joined TICF.

Thanks both!

Mosquito update: no concerns received this year to date.

Housekeeping: the executive reviewed the TIRRA files in the office and agreed to consider assembling a manual of responsibilities, review of the bylaws, plus working calendar.

June 23rd General Meeting 7:00pm Forbes Hall: Agenda was agreed to consist of the reports required. The SWMC will bring the 2017 proposed parcel tax budget to the meeting for approval. No other topic has arisen to this moment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.