TIRRA Executive Meeting 6th Oct 2016

Present: Stu Downey, President; Rob Spencer, VP; Ernie Hunter, Treasure; Andy Keir, Trails; Graeme Shelford, Highways; Vicki Walker, Solid Waste; Suzanne Sarioglu, Cemetery; Steve Frankel, Past President.

Absent Claire Hess, Secretary; Steph Cottell, Solid Waste.

Meeting commenced 7:07pm

Trails:

Andy reported that TIRRA has now signed two Trail Licence Agreements. The first with Bill and Ann Dickie, the second with Noah and Elisabeth Bond. Next step is to sign with adjoining properties. Further discussion regarding possible Limited Right of Way on one lot. Vicki to follow/up.

Discussion on desire to have project overseer to coordinate work needed, and support volunteers.

Further discussion on potential grants, trail signage, plus plant/habitat identification.

Andy also confirmed that indeed, the rumours were in fact true, and that he and Ann were moving off island as of the end of Oct. Thank you to Andy for his work developing the framework for our new trails network on Thetis and his leadership of TIRRA's Trail Committee. The exec passed a motion to have Vicki Walker take over from Andy as lead of the Trails Committee. Thanks Vicki!

Highways:

Graeme reported that Stop Lines had been painted by Grant.

Ferry terminal access changes pending the a new MOTI Planner.

Moore Hill improvements have been completed and the new pavement will be monitored for any new cracks.

Discussion regarding Grant and Andy, how fortunate we are on Thetis to have our roads taken care of so well.

No update yet available on when the Road Safety Analysis will commence.

Solid Waste:

Vicki reported ongoing changes at the yard with new requirements brought in by MMBC

Ernie indicated that the CVRD has provided a green roll-off bin for hauling recyclables to Bings Creek. There is a trial period to monitor cost savings for residents by reducing hauling charges. The intent is for CVRD to cover the costs of hauling in return for our clean and sorted recyclables. More to come on this!

Cemetary:

Suzanne reported that the bank erosion continues to be monitored.

Parcel Tax Rebates:

Ernie reported that the 18 rebates are in line with last year and requests for rebates have been approved.

Finance:

Ernie provided a high level overview. Funds in place for trails project approved at June's TIRRA GM.

TIPC Nominations.

Stu reported further discussion with Pat Mooney, confirmed revision to TIRRA's nominations. Carolyn Askew to Dec 2017, Chris Pegg to Dec 2017, Joe Squire to Dec 2018, Dave Knowles to Dec 2019, Pat Mooney to Dec 2019. Thanks all!

TICF Nominations:

Stu reported that TIRRA's nominee Ellen Rush will continue in her role to Spring 2017. Tim French also nominated.

TIRRA contact info on web:

Stu to have contact info updated.

Neighbourhood Golf Carts:

Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure recently announced a pilot project allowing golf carts to operate on certain approved roads in Qualicum Beach and Chase. Although this initiative has just been delayed, Stu led a discussion of TIRRA Exec to look at the possibility of Thetis Island being included in an expanded pilot roll out. Rob to follow up with provincial government.

Follow/up to resident's concerns raised at June's GM:

Reports of unauthorized late night parking, littering and noise occurring at various locations was reported to the Ladysmith RCMP. The RCMP were supportive in curbing the activities and during the summer months placed an unmarked cruiser on island to attend any further complaint areas.

FAC:

Steve also sits on FAC and initiated discussion on recent FAC decision regarding BC Ferries one time fare return to Thetis Islanders. The FAC will be included in TIRRA's GM agenda 27th Oct 2017.

Grants:

Rob provided on update on available applicable grants for the expansion of Thetis Island Trails network plus other potential initiatives. Rob to submit grant applications by stated due dates.

TIID:

Graeme discussed grant application for First Responders and requested a show of support from TIRRA. All in favour.

Housekeeping issues:

Bring Forward (BF) Filing, Stu to work with Claire to implement BF system.

Meeting adjourned 9:34pm