

TIRRA General Meeting Thursday, June 23 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stu Downey shortly after seven pm. Thirty Islanders were present including all members of the TIRRA executive: Stu Downey, President; Rob Spencer, VP; Steve Frankel, Past-President; Ernie Hunter, Treasurer; Claire Hess, Secretary; Andy Keir, Trails; Graeme Shelford, Highways; Vicki Walker and Stephanie Cottell, Solid Waste; Suzanne Sarioglu, Cemetery
Minutes from Annual General Meeting on March 24, 2016 as posted online were approved.

TIID/TIVFD Update/Ferry Advisory Committee Report

Keith Rush gave a TIID/TIVFD Update followed by a Ferry Advisory Committee Report. The report outline is available under TIRRA Reports, Financial and General, General Meeting, June 23, 2016 on the TiRRA reports section of Thetis Island dot net.

Highways

Graeme Shelford gave a report of his work with Highways on possible improvements to the safety of the top of the Ferry drive and resurfacing of the Moore Hill road. The report is available under TIRRA Reports, Financial and General, General Meeting, June 23, 2016 on the TiRRA reports section of Thetis Island dot net.

Trails

Bill & Ann Dickie made a slide presentation on the proposed trail expansion and commented that it is to be a exclusively a walking trail. A map of the proposed alterations is posted with the reports from the meeting.

Andy Keir gave more information and moved the following, seconded by Sue French and passed with no dissenting votes:

Move that TIRRA proceed to establish walking trails on lots #294 Mission Road (Dickie's), #90 Pilkey Point Road (Bond's), #415 Southern Edge Road (TRAX), and Strata VIS 5168 Common Property (Meadow Valley Strata), by means of trail licence agreements, including appropriate insurance coverage, with the landowners, and that the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) be authorized to construct these trails.

Andy also moved the following, seconded by Vicki Walker and passed with no dissenting votes:

Move that the TIRRA executive be empowered to conclude trail licence agreements with all interested landowners following the model of the agreements used on Gabriola Island.

Solid Waste

Stephanie Cottell reported an extension to the Ravenscall contract and efforts to investigate the options available to improve our recycling efforts.

Treasurer: parcel tax budget request for 2017

Ernie Hunter reported that the parcel tax budget request for 2017 is \$20,900. Ernie moved the following, seconded by Steve Frankel and passed with no dissenting votes:

Move that we accept the 2017 budget request.

Ernie moved the following, seconded by Ann Dickie and passed with no dissenting votes:

Move that the cemetery contribute 25% rather than 50% of TIRRA's community liability insurance costs and that TIRRA forgive any balance currently owing.

Cemetery

Suzanne Sarioglu for the Cemetery thanked the meeting. She reported that contributions have been down but that work is continuing on protecting the area and opening new space.

Other and New Business

Problem: parking on the beach

Vicki Walker raised the issues of people parking on the beach at Pilkey Point and other beach access areas. The litter and destruction is a problem for all. Several people supported her and suggestions such as placing boulders to inhibit access were raised. The TIVFD will need options for coping with such obstructions. Graeme Shelford, Highways, will follow-up.

ThINC's Ocean Learnfest

Vicki also reminded the meeting of ThINC's Ocean Learnfest, open to all ages. Interested people can learn more through a link to a detailed schedule on the website and the posters:

<http://www.thetisislandnatureconservancy.org/#!ocean-learnfest-2016/cfhr>

To register: Phone: [250-246-9126](tel:250-246-9126)

Email: ThINC@thetisisland.net

Soiree and Art for All

Ellen Rush spoke about the fundraisers for TICF and TICA. Art For All, the pre-Soiree Art Sale, Art for all, will be on Thursday August 4 and Friday August 5, 10 AM to 5 PM will take place at Forbes Hall. No admission charge; everyone is welcome. Summer Soiree & Auction, Celebrating Community, will be on Saturday August 6th at 5:30 pm.

Tickets \$30, choice of BBQ salmon or steak

For Tickets, contact:

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm; moved: Keith Rush, seconded: Rob Spencer
Submitted: C. Hess