

**October TIRRA Executive Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2019, 6:00PM**

President Wendy Hinsperger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following also present: Vice President Quentin Goodbody; Treasurer and Solid Waste Chair, Ernie Hunter; Transportation Chair, Stu Downey; Cemetery Chair, Suzanne Sarioglu and Trails Chair, Vicki Walker and Secretary Claire Hess. Reports provided in advance of the meeting by Chairpersons are appended: Submission from Trails Committee, Reports from Cemetery and Transportation

President's report: Wendy advised that there is one appointment for TIPC that is expiring Dec 31 st . Wendy will make contact with Pat Mooney of TIPC.

Finance: Ernie reported there has been a generator purchased for the baling machine at the Solid Waste. The borrowed generator was required to be returned to the owner for the winter. TIRRA thanks the owner for the use of the generator for the summer.

Solid Waste: Ernie advised we are lucky to have our employees and volunteers doing a good job to keep the site running, especially in Glen's absence. We are grateful to have so many pitching in. Discussion ensued regarding the need for a "strategic review" of our solid waste site (including sustainability, costs, review of personnel resources, CVRD liaison, etc.) Further discussion of a review committee will occur at the General Meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2019.

St. Margaret's Cemetery: Suzanne advised that the financial reporting requirements discussed at the June TIRRA meeting were clarified with the government agency. We have received confirmation that our existing reporting and record keeping already complies with requirements.

Transportation: Stu discussed a Ministry of Highways and BC Ferries review to improve safety at the ferry intersection: including a potential drop-off/crosswalk and improved passenger walkway.

Trails: Vicki reported on progress with benches on the trail and new trail licence discussions that are pending. She announced an upcoming Nature Conservancy Trails workshop: Saturday, October 19, meeting at the North Cove entrance to the Portal.

A letter to websites, asking them to remove details about Thetis Island trails was approved for sending.

Suggestions for a proposed list for the CVRD Grant-in-Aid (\$2700) included either a grant to the Community Hall for surround sound to help the hearing impaired or a supplement to maintenance fund for Trails, or vehicle charging stations at the Hall. After discussion, it was decided to bring the list to the October General Meeting for approval and/or other suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.
Submitted,
Claire Hess, Secretary

Trails Committee submission:

From - Thetis Island Resident and Ratepayers Association

To:

<https://www.windy.com/?48.991,-123.678,14>

<https://www.alltrails.com/?ref=header>

Re: Trail Information available to the public on the Internet through your website
Information on Thetis Island Trails, which are situated on private property, is
appearing on your website.

We, with the private property owners, are the licence holders of these trails. We
are a local organization that builds, maintains and finances the trails in partnership
with the property owners. The trails are built for the use and pleasure of residents,
families and Thetis Island visitors and are not published anywhere. We therefore
wish to have the information removed from your website. Should you have any
comments or questions on this matter, please contact...

Vicki Walker, Trails Chair

St.Margaret's Cemetery report October 10 Executive meeting

The summer was quite quiet at St.Margaret's Cemetery. There was one burial of
remains for Ann Belababa. The willows on the bank are growing well. Water was
delivered by Sjoe Van Kleef two times which seemed to be enough to keep the
plants alive over the drier summer. I have been in discussion with Charlie Fordham
at Capernwray. They will begin working on the new entrance to the cemetery from
their side sometime this fall. On Oct 15 a work party (Tom Anderson, Bill Dickie,
Keith Rush, Doug Fenton, Gurk Sarioglu) is planned to take care of the logs that
have been stacked up since last summer. It is hoped that we can make some split
log fencing from the cedars. The rest of the wood will be bucked up and sold.
Another work party, which will make the new path through the cemetery, is
planned for the last week in October. We will be decommissioning the old path,
blocking off the gate and preparing the ground for re-naturalizing next year. Still
some work to do on the ditch but we are getting it better each year. Some good
news from Consumer Protection regarding the handling of cemetery finances- after
much to-ing and fro-ing since last spring Consumer Protection realized that we did
not need to report Pre-need sales of plots nor did we need to be setting up Trust
fund accounts for each Pre-need sale. In fact, they informed me that up to 80% of
plot sales are used for care and maintenance in the industry. We will be making this
clear on any sales of plots from now on but generally speaking we have been in
compliance all along. This was simply a misunderstanding on their part not realizing
we are not a full funeral/cemetery service.

Suzanne Sarioglu, Cemetery Chair

Transportation Report TIRRA Exec 10th Oct 2019

After 32 years of taking such great care of our island's roads, Grant Gordon has retired. Along with the Retirement Events, plus resident's donations towards a retirement gift, TIRRA presented Grant with a thank you gift recognizing and thanking him for his dedicated years of service. You will be missed Grant!

We welcome Joe Lang to Thetis Island as Grant's replacement. Joe has many years of highways experience and comes direct to us from Mainroad Contracting on Saltspring Island. Encom Services Inc was the successful bidder for southern Vancouver Island and has taken over responsibility for Thetis effective 01 Oct 2019. Encom's region extends from the City of Victoria to Mt Sicker Road and includes the southern Gulf Islands.

The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure continues to oversee roads on Thetis Island. Our Area Manager Jessica Learn looks after southern Vancouver Island region and visits Thetis regularly.

Moore Hill update. Both sides of Moore Hill continue to be monitored. A geo-technical assessment was completed for the north side confirming slope stability. Any rock fall is recorded. South side pavement cracks continue to be assessed.

Ministry of Highways and BC Ferries are reviewing terminal safety here on Thetis including Ferry Line-Up, Terminal Approach, Parking and Foot Passenger traffic.
Stu Downey
Transportation Chair