

## **October TIRRA General Meeting**

**Thursday, October 24, 2019, 7:00PM**

President Wendy Hinsperger called the meeting to order in the school at 7:08 PM with the following also present: Treasurer and Solid Waste Chair, Ernie Hunter; Transportation Chair, Stu Downey; Cemetery Chair, Suzanne Sarioglu; Trails Chair, Vicki Walker; Secretary, Claire Hess and approximately 25 Thetis Islanders.

The Minutes of TIRRA General Meeting on June 20th, 2019 were approved, moved Vicki Walker, second Stu Downey.

Wendy welcomed everyone and gave updates: acknowledging the engagement group "Let's Keep in Touch Thetis Island", bring forward item regarding TIPC appointments with Dave Knowles stepping down from TIPC effective Dec. 31st, and new TIRRA appointee to this board is being sourced by TIRRA executive.

Keith Rush, Chair of the Ferry Advisory Committee, discussed ferry issues. He named the new staff and acknowledged on-time issues. The FAC will discuss ideas to improve the service in an upcoming meeting with ferries. The BC Ferry Commissioner has approved an annual 2.3% fare increase for the four years of Performance Term 5, which begins April 1st, 2020.

Committee Reports, not necessarily in the order presented:

Find all committee reports posted as part of Executive Meeting minutes from October 10th, 2019, at <http://www.thetisland.net/tica-tirra/tirra.htm>

Secretary Report: eSPOKES: Claire thanked those helping with espokes and asked for patience by members regarding this notification service. Volunteers provide the postings as soon as they can, and their service is appreciated.

St.Margaret's Cemetery Report: Suzanne expressed gratitude for the CVRD one-time funding. Since income is entirely the sale of plots, there are always needs. She thanked

several people for help with splitting fence rails in preparation for path amendment and fencing.

Treasurer's Report: Ernie explained the funds managed by TIRRA, the Parcel Tax, and CVRD's role. Wendy provided a preliminary CVRD 2020 budget recap prepared by VP Quentin Goodbody. Quentin gathered this information at the CVRD budget meeting, and the report he prepared is posted.

Solid Waste: Ernie updated on the new generator and thanked those pitching in during Glen's absence. Still anticipating BCHydro's to reposition the hydro lines along Pilkey Point, potentially enabling power supply at the solid waste site. Wendy brought forward the matter of a solid waste plan strategic review. This was raised at the Executive Meeting, and a review committee will be sourced to look at the site operation to determine if any changes are required to maximize employee, volunteer or community member safety, satisfaction and effectiveness. Members were invited to stay after the General Meeting to informally discuss the intent and design of this strategic review.

Transportation: Stu thanked Grant Gordon and Mainroad Contracting, welcomed Joe Lang and Emcon Services Inc and explained the change. He also outlined the assessment being conducted at the terminal site by BC Ferries and Highways. The focus will be on safety and efficiency of both pedestrians and drivers. Members raised concerns about the condition of Moore Hill and Stu promised a site review with the residents raising safety issues.

Trails: Vicki reported that the websites mentioned in her appended report have been contacted. One refused to take down our trails, although they may be marked as private. Trail committee to seek further guidance on this matter. Vicki emphasized that no wheeled transportation are allowed on the trails, not even strollers.

Wendy sought input from members regarding a further and final fund amount of \$2700 from CVRD for grants in aid. Ideas from Executive Meeting were brought forward, as well

as from the members. By a show of hands, a vote resulted in the following two suggestions for this funding, in order of preference: 1. Audio equipment upgrade to assist the hard of hearing in the new Community Hall 2. Funding for Community Trail Expansion. Thanks were extended to our representative, Lynne Smith, for her work in securing this funding, ensuring fair distribution of the grants in aid tax from prior years.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM