

Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association (TIRRA)

General Meeting Minutes – 15 Nov. 2025

Executive Attendees

President: Lynne Smith
Vice President: Quentin Goodbody
Communications Chairperson: Karl Unger
Treasurer and Solid Waste Chairperson: Ernie Hunter
St. Margaret's Cemetery: Suzanne Sarioglu
Absent: Transportation Chairperson: Julian Jackman
(Vacant positions: Secretary and Trail Committee)

27 Attendees including TIRRA Executive

President, Lynne Smith called the meeting to order at 2:05pm

Approval of the Agenda

Moved, Seconded and Adopted by show of hands.

Adoption of 24 May 2025 AGM Minutes

Moved, Seconded and Adopted by show of hands.

A moment was taken to acknowledge the passing of Veronica Shelford. Her work for TIRRA and the community.

TIRRA Executive Committee Reports

Communications Chair– Karl Unger

eSPOKES continues to be delivered daily to 670 subscribers. Many thanks to Claire Hess, Nancy Sinclair and Virginia Vitzthum for maintaining this service for the Thetis Island community. **Welcome packages** available for anyone to hand out. **Visitors Guide** was not updated in 2025. It would be greatly appreciated if someone would like to take on that work. **Phone book** being worked on for 2026.

Thetisisland.net – Per Veronica's request TIRRA will be taking over the administration of the thetisisland.net. Maintenance of the existing website continues. TIRRA is working on redeveloping the thetisisland.net website. **Membership** - In 2025 residents and ratepayers from 65 lots applied for TIRRA membership. This compares to approximately 180 lots in past years.

Treasurer – Ernie Hunter

Oct 2025 Expenses. Trail Funds

Motion: TIRRA membership authorize the \$1,350 payment to Silvaticus Tree Service – Chris Call for TIRRA Trails dangerous tree removal Oct. 2025

Moved by Sue French, Seconded by Lynn Hunter and Adopted by show of hands

Motion: TIRRA membership pre-authorize the 2026 Budget Phone Book costs approx. \$2,500 for 600 copies

Moved by Gurk Sarioglu, Seconded by Keith Rush and Adopted by show of hands

Solid Waste Committee Chair – Ernie Hunter

Andrea Baker TIRRA employee

Bag fees don't quite cover cost. Mike Comeau building new shelter for Andrea

Transportation Chair– Julian Jackman(absent)

Received a request from community members to look into a pedestrian trail from the School to the Ferry. More details required.

Trails– Vicki Walker

A dangerous tree inspection on all trails has been conducted by arborist, Chris Call. Thanks to Chris for his generous community support. Dangerous trees were tagged and property owners alerted so they could see which trees were affected. Chris took the trees down with the assistance of Finn Bond. Vicki announced her resignation from the Trail Committee and thanked all those that volunteer on the Trail Committee, as trail stewards and help maintain the trails.

TIRRA Board - The TIRRA Board has been working diligently over the past 6 months to resolve some existing Trails issues, and continues to do so.

St. Margaret's Cemetery Chair– Suzanne Sarioglu

Veronica Shelford the first green burial in the cemetery. Loss of Marlene and Charlie Fordham. Multiple work days at the cemetery during 2025

Members and Community

CVRD Taxation – Lynne Smith

54% Taxation increase between 2023 – 2025 (3 year period). 2026 Core Budget 4%. Regional Recreation is not part of the Core Budget.

Islands Trust Taxation – Paul Duncan

Islands Trust projects property taxes will rise 5.8% on the existing property tax base plus 2.5% for new construction and development for a total 8.3% tax increase from last year.

TIPC – Thetis Island Port Commission – CVRD Wharf and CVRD Boat Launch

2024 Capital Repairs: \$276,310 + Insurance: \$2,205

Current CVRD Thetis Island tax levy is \$18,750 and is below the estimated depreciation rate.

CVRD Thetis Island Wharf Parcel tax 2025 - \$49.58

Looking at options to fund next phase of work on the CVRD Wharf

Scotch Broom

Need volunteers to form a committee

Meeting adjourned: 3:00 pm

Guest Speaker

Things about Thetis – Dr. Quentin Goodbody – President Ladysmith and District Historical Society