

President's Report 2022 (Covering Period since AGM in March 2022)

If you have been keeping up to date about TIRRA via local communications (espokes, Forbes Hall and Ferry Terminal bulletin boards) you are aware that the TIRRA Executive has been working through some tough issues.

I would like to personally thank each of the Executive team for their engagement and perseverance in a process that has involved a lot of personal time and significant energies. This is not easy work! The TIRRA Executive, like our community, is made up of individuals from various backgrounds, experiences, and beliefs. Creating consensus on matters such as solid waste and recycling is not easy as there are many components: environmental, equity, access and financial. And apparently emotional as well.

The matters we have been dealing with are varied, but most of our efforts have been regarding the member votes taken at both the April General Meeting and the July General Meeting. It was after the July meeting that we were advised our notification process for General and Special Meetings did not comply with the BC Societies Act.

There was also feedback from the Community, some by letter, some by conversations, that the vote at the July meeting was not well executed. For that, as the Chair, I take accountability.

So, we have been working on how to regain member faith in our democratic process, comply with BC Societies Act and seek community consensus regarding the Solid Waste facility operation.

This has involved four Special Executive Meetings and many, many emails. It has been exhausting work but I think we are making significant progress.

The first step in a series of actions is to deal with Bylaw amendments. There is documentation on the Bylaw page, and under Meeting Notifications, to detail the bylaw amendments the TIRRA Executive recommends to resolve issues that are restricting us from moving forward. I encourage each of you to attend the Special Meeting on October 27th to vote on the motion to accept these new bylaws.

We hope to move on to new chapters in the work TIRRA does on behalf of islanders.

Thank you to all members for their patience.

Thank you for your support. If you are interested in joining TIRRA as a member in good standing, or as a board member or volunteer, please reach out to tirra@thetisland.net

Regards,

Wendy Hinsperger, TIRRA President