

DENNY ISLAND COMMUNITY (DEVELOPMENT) ASSOCIATION
CENTRAL COAST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) MINUTES
Sunday, Jan 20, 2019
DENNY ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL

Executive in attendance: Mark Schlichting (Vice-President/Acting President), Teresa Watling (Treasurer); Directors at Large: Jean Wood (Acting Secretary), Jim Hadley, Betty Hadley, Sharon Gerry

Others present: Doug (Sharkey), Al, Zac, Craig, Krista, Keith (Tipper), Soizic, John (Gerry), Rob (Fleming), Johanna, Chris (Wilton), Daniel, Ramona, Louise, Joel, Steve, Ian, Rod, Trevor

Guest: Ken McIlwain (CCRD Operations Manager)

Call to order: 11:07am

1. Opening remarks; Mark.

2. Review & Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Betty/Sharon, passed

3. Review & Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes

Motion to approve: Daniel/Jim, passed

4. Treasurer's Report; Teresa.

Motion to approve: Daniel/Jim, passed

5. 2018 at a Glance: Committee Reports and Work in Progress

A. Denny Island Volunteer Fire Department; Mark/Daniel

- Informal training; Lorne, Ingmar, Scott on most Tuesday nights
- Still working towards certification options
- Fridge magnets with emergency phone numbers on order

B. DIG (Denny Island Gardeners); Teresa

- Thank you to Dr. Sheer for donation of greenhouse, need volunteers to get it set up
- Grant won for fence and greenhouse installation

C. Denny Island Roads; Mark

- Please report when work needs to be done and DICDA will call Interior Road for a PO for Shearwater to complete

D. DIRT (Denny Island Recycling Team); Betty

- 128 mega bags taken off island for recycling in 2018
- Now taking all lightbulbs (tubes, LED etc.) for recycling
- With top up and freight n/c from Shearwater, just breaking even
- Applying for a grant for 2 summer positions

E. Community Hall; Mark

- Fred plus helpers bought and installed kitchen cabinets and counters, still need to install hardware (knobs & pulls) and kitchen needs to be organized (what goes where in cupboards)
- Building designated as emergency muster location, so would like to set up the office with hard line (telephone) and internet, possibly purchasing generator & propane heater for extended power outages.
- Floor waxing needs to be done soon
- Chris has large desk to donate for the office

F. CCRD (Central Coast Regional District); Daniel

- Daniel Bertrand elected as our Area A representative this fall, four year term. Jim Hadley is his appointed Alternate
- Water System proposal and approval is biggest issue currently. Ken McIlwain and Daniel holding information meeting following the AGM today to answer questions and distribute the petition packages
- Find Bella Coola flight share on Facebook for extra seats on charters to/from Bella Coola.

6. Bylaws; Proposed Changes:

- No successful motion to change dues was passed in 2018. Dues for 2019 remain the same: \$20 for Individuals, \$75 for Businesses.
- **Motion** : (Daniel/Teresa) Move that the bylaws to be amended to allow Honorary members to hold an Executive position, provided that this is not prohibited by rules governing BC Chambers of Commerce (CCCC) or the Society Act (DICDA), as confirmed by Daniel's investigation. - passed
- **Motion** : (Jean/Betty) In recognition for their past contribution to the CCCC/DICDA, the following are granted Honorary membership (no dues) for 2019: Craig, Al, Doug (Sharkey), Chris (Wilton), Doug & Jeanette, Ripple, Ana

Brief intermission for Special Executive Meeting and motion to accept new members en bloc. (Joel Tremblay, Trevor Cope, Dega Hersi)

7. Election of Board of Directors for 2019

- A. President;
 - Teresa Watling (nominated by Betty/Louise); acclaimed
- B. Vice President;
 - Jim Hadley (nominated by Al/Louise); acclaimed
- C. Treasurer
 - Russel Snow (nominated by Doug/Betty); acclaimed
- D. Secretary
 - Dega Hersi (nominated by Teresa/Chris); acclaimed
- E. Directors at Large
 - Betty Hadley, Ramona Goosen, Krista Lee, Louise Wilson, Trevor Cope (nominated en bloc by Al/Jim); acclaimed

8. Any Other Business

A. Support of Shearwater Seabus Subsidy; Mark

- Seabus is running at a major loss (over \$200k/year) and there will be changes to service unless Shearwater can obtain some government support. The service is of great value to the community, especially to access essential services. Letter was drafted and presented at the last Executive meeting, but it was deferred to this AGM to get the endorsement of the whole community.
- **Motion:** (Mark/Betty) to endorse the drafted letter as presented – passed unanimously

B. Property Assessment & Taxes; Mark

- Average 40% increase in Denny Island assessments, versus 8% in Bella Coola. Increase is result of three sales well above assessed rate. Concerns about if tax mill rates do not decrease, increased property taxes will make living on Denny Island more unaffordable. Some taxes are set by Provincial Gov't (School tax is usually 50% of total bill), but CCRD to set mill rate for "A Central Coast" (another major % of total). Courtenay and CCRD will hold a meeting late Feb/early March on Denny Island to discuss 2019 budget before submitting tax requisition for the year.
- Discussion about Krista's email regarding tax levy for unoccupied lots/homes; continued trend of property purchases by part time residents
- **Motion** (Daniel/Sharon): To form a working group on housing affordability and availability on Denny Island, to be led by Krista. - passed

10. Motion to Adjourn at 1:50 pm (Louise/John)