

Minutes PIRA Directors Meeting Nov 22 2006

Directors present: Liam Taylor, Cathy Pearson, Ralph Kirby, Shannon Taylor, Michael MacColl, Steve Peck, Fredrik Collin

Directors absent: Denise Bonin, Peter Frewin

Guests: Terry Gordon, China Goodhue

1 Opening Remarks

1.1 Call to order at 7:25 PM

1.2 Late Agenda items:
-Add 6.5 Fire Department report – Steve Peck

1.3 **MOTION:** (moved by Taylor and seconded by Pearson)
That the agenda for the Nov 22 meeting be approved as amended
(Motion Carried)

2 **MOTION:** (moved by Kirby and seconded by MacColl)
That the minutes of the Sep 25, 2006 Director's meeting be approved
(Motion Carried)

3 **Business Arising from the Previous Directors' Meeting**
No business from the previous Director's meeting.

4 Correspondence

Mail: None
Email: None

5 Director's Reports

5.1 Treasurer's report -Cathy Pearson for Peter Frewin
(See Appendix 1).

6 Committee Reports

6.1 **Communications Committee – Denise Bonin**
None

6.2 **Leeshore Initiative – Michael MacColl**
(See Appendix 2)

6.3 **Dock Committee – Cathy Pearson**
(See Appendix 3)

6.4 **Parks & Roads- Ralph Kirby**

Prompted by an islanders concern about poor road conditions, Ralph suggested it might be time to reintroduce a dialogue about paving the roads. Liam discussed a recent conversation he had with the City Roads Department's Brian Denbigh which briefly covered various elements:

- The current roads were never properly designed gravel roads with proper drainage substrate, but were instead based on the original dirt paths with numerous attempts to repair, widen, etc. over the years.

- Installing paving would first require proper drainage would necessitate substantial disturbance of roadsides all over the island. This drainage, while causing potholes, also provides irrigation for local vegetation that ditches would carry away.

- The potential timely advantage of having an islander be contracted to do road care between major road crew repairs.

Terry Gordon discussed his experience with a contract he had for doing island road repair. He explained the work could not be done unless an islander first reported a complaint to the city and then the roads department called him to fix it. He described the process of fixing potholes so that the fix lasted: This lead to a discussion of how infrequently this is done and the consequent return of the potholes. Terry then described his experience with different types of paving asphalt, how new asphalt for the first few years weeps oil, and the degradation issues with lesser quality types. He discussed earlier attempts by Don McQueen to have the city keep a grater on the island for timely repairs, to no avail.

Cathy suggested that having an islander do this contract work was just letting the city off the hook and that proper grading had been done some five years back should be done again and then the city should commit to a proper maintenance schedule.

A discussion followed about the possibility of having an information meeting inviting everyone to discuss this issue with a knowledgeable speaker(s) helping us understand the various issues. A letter writing campaign to members of city council might follow.

Liam and Ralph will contact the city to report the current road status and inquire about the city intentions and schedules.

6.5 **Fire Department report -Steve Peck**

Veronica (Fire Chief) reminds us to turn off interior Christmas lights and blow out candles when they are being left unattended, to check that all smoke alarms have new batteries, and to be respectful to the fire truck when you meet it on the road. Also, please make sure that your house number is clearly displayed at the END of your driveway, so that the fire and rescue crew can easily identify the address, in the dark. It can't always be seen if it is on the house.

Side note:

The fire and rescue crew are all featured in a really wonderful calendar that was very successful.

6.6 **MOTION:** (moved by MacColl and seconded by Collin)

To accept all of the Director's reports
(Motion Carried)

7 **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

8 **New Business**

None

9 **Closing Remarks and Announcements**

9.1 China Goodhue reported that she is looking into having artisans on Protection Island participate in a Studio Tour like they do on Gabriola and Saltspring. She would like to meet with the art group on Gabriola to discuss Protection being added to their brochure. She has looked at their website. If anyone is interested in helping her please contact China at 754-1562.

9.2 Josephine has been spearheading a group of intrepid volunteers in a quest to remove invasive species where they occur around the island. If you would like to join them in this noble and important effort they have been meeting on Sundays. Check Pro Isle for notices for where the group is meeting next.

Next Directors meeting: Tuesday January 16, 2007 at 7:15 pm, Beacon House

10 **Adjournment**

MOTION: (moved by Pearson)

To adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm

(Motion Carried)

Appendix 1 - Treasurer's report

General Account Balance November 19, 2006

1,232.68

Cash flows from Dock Account Activity

Cash Balance Per Last Report September 17, 2006

2,038.63

Cash Received from Dock Fees, 2005

100.00

Cash Received from Dock Fees, 2006

2,640.00

Cash Received from Donations

230.71

Total Revenue & Cash Balance

5,009.34

Dock Supplies

(-1,639.73)

General Insurance

0.00

Director's & Officer's Liability Insurance

(-624.67)

Moorage Fee

0.00

Office Expenses

0.00

Printing & Reproduction

0.00

Total Expenses

(-2,264.40)

General Account Balance November 19,2006

2,744.94

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Peter W. Frewin
Treasurer

Appendix 2 - Leeshore Report - Michael MacColl - Nov. 22, 2006

From discussions with Toby Seward (City of Nanaimo) in early November, he had not yet received a response from Brian McIntosh (Don McIntosh's brother and joint owner of Leeshore).

We discussed timelines and impediments associated with the (possible acquisition of the) Leeshore property in that probate may take some time to clear title. Some of these impediments may reside in liens, claims, back-taxes, foreshore lease, remediation and other obligations to individuals, the City and the Harbour Commission.

A follow up e-mail was sent by Toby Seward to Brian McIntosh Nov. 20, but no word has come back as yet.

Appendix 3 - Dock Report - Cathy Pearson - November 2006

The written Dock Report was submitted and put on the PIRA website by Edward & Larry Iwaskow see "Dock Update November 2006"

Cathy provided the following verbal report on community initiative related to;

- Stabilizing the Mud Bay Dock and
- All weather, deep water access for Islanders

1. A Mud Bay Fundraising Committee has begun planning a Fundraiser aimed at starting to raise the money (need \$3000 - \$4000 total) to stabilize the dock (to help during our harsh winter winds) the museum Society will also be involved

The fundraiser will be a "PI Alumni Social" to take place February 24/06 See Announcement on PIRA website.

2. PIRA has been trying to get the City to negotiate with Leeshore for several years now. The discussion has been between these two parties and has not included "individual resident concerns"

On Oct 22/06 I presented a mini workshop on service providers "Duty to Accommodate" temporary and permanent disabilities

In essence the key point of the workshop related to the rights of Individuals (as opposed to groups or neighbourhoods regarding access.

At the conclusion of the workshop, several participants decided they and their neighbours have rights that can be enforced under the BC Human Rights Act. Those rights could force the City to move forward with all-weather, deep water, emergency & wheelchair/crutch accessibility to Protection Island.

The group has begun a letter writing campaign to the City of Nanaimo to address this need ASAP. We expect this issue to come up in a City Council meeting in the New Year.