

**DRAFT - Minutes PIRA Directors Meeting – July 6, 2009**  
**51 Pirates Lane**

**Directors present:** Denise Bonin, Coreen Hanson, Peter Frewin, Lynn Roberts, and Josephine Kenchenten

**Directors absent:** David Essig, Thora Howell, Michael MacColl

**1 Opening Remarks**

1.1 Call to order at 7:30pm

**2. Membership Dues**

Peter said that while we are financially still in the black, we have not been keeping up with expenses over the last few years and were losing ground.

The survey indicated that **85.1%** of the respondents answered **NO** to the question: **Is the annual fee of \$10 per person a barrier to your being a member?** So with those two facts we thought that it might be time to increase the membership fees that have been the same since 2003. A read of the constitution indicated that we needed a board meeting to ratify this motion before the AGM:

**2.1 MOTION:** (moved Hanson, seconded Bonin )

That we increase the annual PIRA membership dues to from \$10 to \$15, to come into effect 1 July 2010. (Motion carried)

**3. Name Change**

A discussion ensued as to whether to change the name from the Protection Island Ratepayers Association to the Protection Island Residents Association. The results from the survey question: **Do you think the Protection Island Ratepayers Association should be changed to The Protection Island Residents Association?** was Yes 41.7%, No 35.4%, which was an overwhelming endorsement to propose this change.

**4. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Appendix 1 – Treasure’s Report (Frewin)

**Protection Island Ratepayers Association**

**Interim Financial Report to January 20, 2009**

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**Cash flows from General Account Activity**

Cash Balance Per Last Report	1,406.57	
Membership Fees	0.00	
Donation	0.00	
Other	0.00	
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Cash Balance</b>		<b>1,406.57</b>
Director's & Officer's Liability Insurance	0.00	
Licenses & Permits	0.00	
Minister of Finance Filing Fee	0.00	
Office Expense (New Bank Cheques)	0.00	
Postage & Delivery	0.00	
Printing & Reproduction	0.00	
Property Tax	0.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>General Account Balance January 20, 2009</b>		<b>1,406.57</b>

**Cash flows from Dock Account Activity**

Cash Balance Per Last Report	6,629.70	
Cash Received from Dock Fees, 2008/09	0.00	
Cash Received from Dock Fees, 2007/08	0.00	
Cash Received from Maintenance Contribution	0.00	
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Cash Balance</b>		<b>6,629.70</b>
Dock Supplies, Advance	0.00	
General Insurance	0.00	
Director's & Officer's Liability Insurance	0.00	
Licenses & Fees	0.00	
Moorage Fee	0.00	
Office Expenses (Annual Mail Box)	0.00	
Printing & Reproduction	0.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Dock Account Balance January 20, 2009</b>		<b>6,629.70</b>

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Peter W. Frewin  
Treasurer

Appendix 2 - Community Survey Committee 2008-2009 report (Howell)

Report:

February 18, 2009



*Community Survey Committee Report February 18, 2009*

- 1. We have a final draft of the survey which is ready to be submitted to the City for reproduction.*
- 2. I met with Barb Nield this week to discuss the distribution of the surveys.*

*Barb has done a thorough survey of the Island*

*She has identified Registered owners*

*Absentee owners*

*Tenants*

*Houses that are owner occupied*

*Vacant houses/lots*

*She has mapped out which houses should have hand delivered surveys*

*She has a list of owners who require surveys to be mailed along with the mailing addresses*

- 3. We agreed that we would have 6-7 people from each organization (PIRA and DIGS) work in teams of two to deliver the surveys*
- 4. A committee from PIRA will meet to apply the seal & address mail outs.*
- 5. There will be a brief orientation session before we deliver them.*
- 6. We are suggesting that the weekend of March 7-8<sup>th</sup> as the time to deliver the surveys. Teams will be assigned sections of the Island*
- 7. We have designated drop off spots*
  - Dinghy Dock Pub (John Logan has given us permission)*  
*176 Captain Morgans Blvd.*
  - Or mail to PIRA PO box*
  - Or bring them to a dessert party at Beacon House, March 21 2-4 p.m.*
  - Or We have offered to pick them up if people wish*

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*Number of Survey Forms Needed*

<i>STREET</i>	<i>MAIL OUT</i>	<i>HAND DELIVER</i>
<i>Hispanola Place</i>	4	2
<i>Spyglass Lookout</i>	2	1
<i>Pirate Place</i>	6	1
<i>Silver's Terrace</i>	1	0
<i>Treasure Trail</i>	12	4
<i>Capt Kidd's Terrace</i>	10	13
<i>Cutlass Lookour</i>	9	10
<i>Capt Morgans Blvd</i>	56	25
<i>Colvilleton Trail</i>	22	10
<i>Pirates Lane</i>	83	87
 <i>TOTALS</i>	 205	 156
 <i>GRAND TOTAL</i>		 361

**Survey:**

Every three years Islanders have the opportunity to add their opinions and ideas to contribute to the future direction of Protection Island  
Here is your chance!

**PROTECTION ISLAND COMMUNITY SURVEY  
2009**

This year's survey is being circulated with a one-page survey from DIGS, which is obliged by the city to gather Islanders' opinions about future growth of the Garden in the Park

DIGS and PIRA are separate groups, however it is economical and efficient to work together on circulating two surveys.

**DIGS SURVEY mail to the City of Nanaimo in the accompanying envelope**

**PIRA SURVEY Return to one of the following:**

1. **PIRA Box 116, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5K4**
2. **Designated box at the Dinghy Dock Pub**
3. **Designated box on porch at 176 Captain Morgans**
4. **For pick-up please call 250 753 1913 and leave a message**

**or**

**JOIN US FOR A DESSERT PARTY**

Saturday March 21, 2 - 4 p.m. and bring your survey

We invite all Protection Islanders 18 and over to fill in a survey.

If you need additional copies of the survey, please call Thora Howell 250 753 1913

There is a page at the end of the survey for you to comment on any issues that relate to Protection Island.

**A. PROTECTION ISLANDERS TELL US WHO YOU ARE**

*The questions on the survey relating to age will provide valuable input should we need to access services for preschoolers and seniors.*

1, Are you a:

\_\_\_Property owner

\_\_\_Renter

2. Are you a  
 Full time resident    Part time resident    Non resident owner

**The following question requires one response per household**

Please tell us the number of people in your household who fit into each category.

Age 0-5                       Ages 6 - 12                       Ages 13- 19  
 Ages 20 - 59                       Age 60 plus

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**B.        WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT PROTECTION ISLAND**

<input type="checkbox"/> Rural atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/> Unpaved roads
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Dinghy Dock pub
<input type="checkbox"/> Public beaches	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited commercialism
<input type="checkbox"/> Peace and quiet	<input type="checkbox"/> Beacon House
<input type="checkbox"/> Sense of community	<input type="checkbox"/> Protection Island Museum
<input type="checkbox"/> Investment potential	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Bulletin Boards
<input type="checkbox"/> Trees and wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal golf carts
<input type="checkbox"/> Not much traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden
<input type="checkbox"/> Playing field	

Other Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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**C.        ACCESS TO PROTECTION ISLAND**

1. Do you use a private boat for access to Protection Island?

Regularly                       Rarely                       Never

2. Do you use the Protection Island ferry for access to Protection Island?

Regularly                       Occasionally                       Rarely                       Never

3. Would you like to see changes to the ferry service to accommodate locals at busy times of the day/season?

Yes                       No                       N/A (Not Applicable)

What would you suggest ? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Would you support requesting the City of Nanaimo and the Regional District to support ferry transportation for Protection Islanders with a subsidy?

Yes                       No                       N/A

5. What access changes would you support ?

All weather emergency dock  
 Wheelchair access  
 Allocated downtown parking  
 Easier access from ferry to the circle

6. What access changes would you be willing to pay for?

Expanded moorage

Land acquisition to expand moorage

Other ( please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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**D BOATS AND MOORAGE**

1. Do you own or use a boat to access Protection Island?

Yes

No

2. If yes please indicate the kind of boat

Motor boat

Canoe

Row boat

Kayak

3. Is availability of moorage on Protection Island a concern for you?

Yes

No

N/A

4. Is availability of moorage on the Nanaimo side a concern for you?

Yes

No

N/A

5. If available, would you pay for additional deep-water moorage?

Yes

No

N/A

6. If available would you pay for assigned moorage?

Yes

No

N/A

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**E. MUD BAY DOCK**

*Moorage at the Mud Bay Community Dock, maintained by volunteer labour, costs \$120 per boat or kayak per year.*

1. Do you currently moor a boat at the Mud Bay dock?

Yes

No

Summer only

N/A

2. If not would you moor a boat at Mud Bay dock if more moorage were available?

Yes

No

N/A

3. Are you satisfied with the current physical condition of the Mud Bay dock?

Yes

No

N/A

4. What changes, if any would you like to see?

improvements to the physical condition

additional moorage

assigned moorage

lighting

canoe/kayak racks

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**F. PARKLAND AND BEACHES**

*Currently we have two developed parks, seven undeveloped interior parks and some beach accesses.*

**1. Should the city acquire environmentally sensitive lots for additional parkland?**

Yes  No

**2. Should existing interior parks remain green spaces?**

Yes  No

**3. Do you consider interior parks a fire hazard?**

Yes  No

**4. Should beach access trails be cleared and better marked?**

Yes  No

**5. Should interior park access trails be cleared and better marked?**

Yes  No

**6. Are you concerned with the natural erosion of community shore land on the island?**

Yes  No

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Would you support an ongoing plan to invite people to replace trees that have been cut?**

Yes  No

**8. Would you support regulations on cutting Gary oak trees?**

Yes  No

**9. Would you support a plan to enhance the boulevards by planting native plants and trees?**

Yes  No

**10. Are you concerned about human waste discharge from vessels in the Nanaimo harbour?**

Yes  No

**11. Would you support the formation of a committee made up of representatives of PIRA, DIGS, the Lions Club and a Parks staff person to discuss how Smugglers Park can be developed in the interests of all Islanders?**

Yes  No  No opinion

*There are families on the Island who would like to see improvements in the playing field. DIGS members would like to expand the community garden. There is impetus for mutual support and cooperation. If the above committee were formed, it could be asked to develop a plan for the cooperative use of*



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*the park and bring recommendations to their each of the respective boards. It is proposed that this committee might call a community meeting to put forward ideas and to gather further input.*

12. Would you support installing a public toilet ?

In Smugglers Park  Yes  No  No Opinion  
Elsewhere on the island  Yes  No  No Opinion  
If yes where \_\_\_\_\_

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G. CITY OF NANAIMO SERVICES AND BYLAWS

*Protection Island is part of the City of Nanaimo. City bylaws apply*

1. Are you satisfied with the condition of our island roads?

Yes  No  No Opinion

2. If not, what improvements would you suggest (please check)

more regular maintenance of existing road surfaces  
 upgrade all roads to harder surface roads (chip seal, asphalt or alternative)  
 upgrade only problem areas to harder surface roads  
Other please specify \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is drainage on your property an issue for you?

Yes  No

4. What is your opinion of the current street lighting?

want more  want less  leave as is

5. Would you be in favour of exploring different types of lighting?

Yes  No

6. Would you support additional lighting for problem places (e.g. high traffic areas)?

Yes  No

7. If yes where \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is your opinion of the current signage?

Speed limit  want more  want less  like it is

Dog Leash  want more  want less  like it is

Littering  want more  want less  like it is

Caution children playing  want more  want less  like it is

Parking Circle  want more  want less  like it is

Other comments \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you concerned about unsightly premises on the Island?  
 Yes  No  No Opinion

10. Are you concerned about excessive noise coming from activities on the Island  
 Yes  No  No Opinion

11. Are you concerned about compliance with animal control bylaws (e.g. poop and scoop/ dogs off leash)?  
 Yes  No  No Opinion

12. Would you support designating a location for dogs to run?  
 Yes  No  No Opinion

13. Protection Island has a special exemption from the burning ban now in force in the rest of Nanaimo. Do you support burn days?  
 Yes  No  No Opinion

14. Would you support a year-round method of disposing of yard waste?  
 Yes  No  No Opinion

Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

15. Would you favour a current maximum/minimum size (square feet of floor area) for new residential construction on the Island?  
 Yes  No  No Opinion

Primer on House Sizes:

*Under current zoning on Protection Island (RS4) a house may be 40% of the lot size*

*Minimum of 936 square feet*

*Under current zoning in the rest of Nanaimo RSH2*

*Maximum of 4200 square feet*

*RS1-2 lots 10,764 4200 square feet*

*Lots 10764 +5000 square feet*

16. What would you support as a minimum square footage? \_\_\_\_\_

17. What would you support as a maximum square footage? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Would you favour a maximum site coverage ratio (percentage of lot covered with structures for residential lots on the Island)?  
 Yes  No  No Opinion

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H PROTECTION ISLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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1. On Protection Island do you own and operate a?

Wheelbarrow       Car       Electric golf cart  
 Truck       Bicycle       Gas golf cart  
 Scooter/ Motorcycle

2. Do you find adequate parking at the Circle ?

Yes       No       N/A

3. Would you support investigating the re-establishment of a car pool?

Yes       No       No Opinion

4. If coordinated on a community basis would you use and (if necessary) be willing to pay a fee for?:

Propane delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Septic tank cleanout	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Grocery delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

5. Please check those services you would be interested in having the community investigate.

<input type="checkbox"/> Community golf cart	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly scheduled barge service
<input type="checkbox"/> Community car/van	<input type="checkbox"/> Community boat trailer
<input type="checkbox"/> Community boat	<input type="checkbox"/> Community truck
<input type="checkbox"/> Community bicycles	<input type="checkbox"/> Community wheelbarrows
<input type="checkbox"/> Community car in downtown Nanaimo	

6. Do you think that the community facilities at Gallows Point (Beacon House and the Lightkeeper's Cottage) are large enough to meet community needs?

Yes       No       No Opinion

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you concerned about the delivery of home and nursing care to Protection Islanders?

Yes       No

8. Are you interested in services for preschoolers?

Yes       No       N/A

9. Would you like to see more play structures on Protection Island?

Yes       No       No Opinion

10. Do you feel there is a need for services for teenagers on Protection Island?

Yes       No       No Opinion

If yes do you have suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

11. Would you support the circulation of a Protection Island phone book?

Yes       No

12. Do you (and your family) use the playing court?

Yes       No

13. Would you support the upgrading of the existing basketball court to be a

multi-use court. This would include an all-weather surface, fencing the court, and installing removable tennis courts and nets?

Yes  No  No Opinion

14. Do you have other suggestions for improving the community play area?

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15. Would you support the establishment of a Protection Island community library?

Yes  No  No Opinion

16. Would you support investigating a dockside recycling station in downtown Nanaimo?

Yes  No

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**I PROTECTION ISLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1. Do you read the annual PIRA newsletter mailed to every ratepayer each spring?

Yes  No

If yes tell us what you like \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you belong to the Pro Isle email group?

Yes  No

3. Do you post or read notices on the poster boards located at each mailbox location?

Frequently  Sometimes  Never

4. Do you attend Protection Island community events?

Frequently  Sometimes  Never

5. Which of the following open community discussion might you attend?  
(please check any number of choices)

Health services for Islanders

Moorage

Barged-on houses

Protection of trees and other vegetation, including the foreshore

Development issues e. g house sizes, siting of houses on lots

Developing a neighbourhood association

Formulating a neighbourhood plan

Roads

Community garden development

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**J. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION**

**1. Do you support the idea of having a community association?**

\_\_\_Yes                      \_\_\_No                      \_\_\_No Opinion

**2. Are you currently a member of the Protection Island Ratepayers Association (PIRA)?**

\_\_\_Yes                      \_\_\_No

**3. Do you attend PIRA meetings?**

\_\_\_Frequently                      \_\_\_Seldom                      \_\_\_Never

If not why not? \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Is the annual fee of \$10.00 a barrier to your being a member?**

\_\_\_Yes                      \_\_\_No

**5. Currently, under the PIRA constitution, only property owners are members of PIRA.**

**Would you support PIRA changing it's current bylaws to include renters?**

\_\_\_Yes                      \_\_\_No

**6. If yes would you support renters becoming voting members on**

**(a) General community issues?**

\_\_\_Yes                      \_\_\_No

**(b) Property issues?**

\_\_\_Yes                      \_\_\_No

**7. Would you support renters having an advocate on the PIRA board?**

\_\_\_Yes                      \_\_\_No

**8. How could our neighbourhood association (PIRA) best represent you?**

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*We welcome comments on any community topic relating to  
Protection Island*

\_\_\_ *I wish to remain anonymous*

*Here is my personal information:*

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address on P.I* \_\_\_\_\_

*Mailing address if different* \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your comments

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### PIRA Board of Directors 2008-2009

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Lynn Roberts	Community Laison	250 755 1112
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## PROTECTION ISLAND INFORMATION

### Contact info

Emergency - Fire Health		911
Ambulance		250 758 8181
Fire		250 753 7311
Police		250 754 2345
Earthquake Flood Dangerous Spills		
Tsunami		1-800-663 3456
Nanaimo Regional General Hospital		250 754 2141
Neighbourhood Watch	Roger Gumbert	250 753 5343
Pro-Isle email network	Barb Lebrasseur	email <a href="mailto:barbith@telus.net">barbith@telus.net</a>
Recycling	Bob Lawson/Josephine Kenchenten	email <a href="mailto:jobob23@telus.net">jobob23@telus.net</a>
Delivery service	Fraser/Alice Farquhar	email <a href="mailto:scallywagman@telus.net">scallywagman@telus.net</a>
Barge service	Will Chadwick	email <a href="mailto:wmchadwick@gmail.com">wmchadwick@gmail.com</a>
Beacon House bookings	Ann Millington	250 753 6736

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS Would you like to participate?

LIONS CLUB	Beacon House, Bottle drive	Keith McIntyre	250 753 6016
STATION NO 7 NANAIMO FIRE RESCUE.		Veronica Zehntner	250 754 6759
PROTECTION ISLAND MUSEUM		Rick Scott	250 740 0047
DIGS COMMUNITY GARDEN		Jim Harris	250 740 0317

**INFORMAL GROUPS**

<b>BOOK CLUB</b>	<b>Shawne Wasilieff</b>	<b>250 753 5102</b>
<b>KNITWITS</b>	<b>Lynn Roberts</b>	<b>250 755 1112</b>
<b>OPEN MIKE DINGHY DOCK</b>	<b>Dinghy Dock</b>	<b>250 753 2373</b>
<b>LANTERN FESTIVAL</b>	<b>Paula Ng</b>	<b>250 716 0355</b>
<b>HOUSE TO HOUSE CONCERTS</b>	<b>Jim/Linda Irvine</b>	<b>250 716 1761</b>
<b>GAMES NIGHT AT BEACON HOUSE</b>	<b>Ann Millington</b>	<b>250 753 6736</b>

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**FOR CHILDREN**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Halloween Party**

**Christmas Party**

**FOR ADULTS**

**ProIsle 360**

**Bathtub weekend pancake breakfast**

**New Years Day Polar Bear Swim**