

PROTECTION ISLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Sunday June 10, 2012

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Brenda Henderson, Veronica Zehntner, David Carter, David Essig

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Andrew Homzy, Fred Schloessinger

Attended by 40 people:

1. **OPENING REMARKS:** Call to order by President, Brenda Henderson at 1:30 pm
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2011 AGM;** Moved: Gavin Soanes; Seconded: Jan Brown. **CARRIED.**
3. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence was received regarding the practice of boulevard mowing. Discussion ensued. Moved by: Rick Biller, Seconded by: Cory Hansen: THAT we revisit the decision of whether or not to have the tractor mounted machine mow the boulevards for next year's budget. **CARRIED.**

4. **DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

- A. President: Brenda Henderson gave a brief overview of the year which has gone smoothly.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Veronica Zehntner reported:

General Account activity:

TOTAL REVENUE & CASH BALANCE:	\$ 1,974.84
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>(1,561.46)</u>
BALANCE: at May 31, 2012	<u>\$ 413.38</u>

Dock Account Activity:

TOTAL REVENUE & CASH BALANCE:	\$15,448.57
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>(9,690.33)</u>
BALANCE: at May 31, 2012:	<u>\$ 5,758.24</u>

C. **DOCK REPORT:**

David Essig reported the Mud Bay dock is in good shape thanks to the hard work of Larry and his crew. Volunteers are always needed for the work projects. Costs have risen and material costs are expected to increase in the future. Therefore, after a two-year freeze on rates, rates will be increased from \$130.00/year to \$140.00/year, effective October 1, 2012.

The City continues to give us tax relief on the Park foreshore.

The issue of dock regulations was raised by Wendy Chandler. After a short discussion, it was Moved: by David Essig and Seconded: by Jan Brown that PINA revisit the dock rules at Mud Bay. **CARRIED.**

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D. COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY LIAISON

Brenda Henderson gave a report on behalf of Fred Schloessinger who has been posting Minutes & Announcements on Pro-Isle and the bulletin boards to keep residents apprised of current activities.

There is no further update on Communications with VIHA, (Vancouver Island Health Authority), regarding services on Protection Island.

Cate Muir suggested that PINA post the positions of the Directors so that residents know who to contact for various issues.

E. ACCESS/EMERGENCY:

David Carter reported on progress on wheel-chair access at Gallows Point. He is awaiting contact with a dock builder for information on design & possible budget in order to proceed with the City.

F. PARKS:

INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES

Brenda Henderson reported on a couple of work parties in the fall to pull ivy and invasive plants. Veronica & Brenda have been attacking the Broom, as this is the time to cut it while it is in bloom.

During the following discussion, Valley Hennell, mentioned the Borrowmans have given permission for access to their property to cut the Broom.

Lee Shore is also infested & PINA was requested to ask permission to enter. It was brought to our attention that people have been throwing invasive plants they have pulled, onto the roads.

REDUCING ROAD MAINTENANCE

Neil Goldsmith mentioned the organics on the road accumulate in the form of small fir fronds and branches from fall and winter windstorms. It was suggested this be monitored and removed by residents if found in front of their property. If everyone did their little bit it would have a huge impact to reduce damage to the roads.

G. ROADS REPORT: VERONICA ZEHNTNER

We did not have a March "touch-up" this spring due to the issue with the barge, but the annual major repair work was moved ahead a month and carried out in May.

This was the third phase of our 3-year Roads Restoration project but despite all the extra truckloads of travel, they ran out of material and didn't get quite as much done as expected. The plan is to do 3 days of barging next year(instead of 2) to make sure there will be enough

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to complete it. A great deal of material was added on the high traffic area approaching the Circle, hopefully eliminating the formation of the usual craters.

The doming and narrowing of the roads has proven successful in shedding the water & addressing the drainage and pothole problems. Some roads have been canted to redirect water flow to one side or the other. This year they also extended & recapped the pipes to one of the pumping system stations at the corner of Treasure Trail allowing them to raise the roadbed to address pooling.

It is anticipated we will now be in a maintenance situation for the most part & be able to stay on top of the potholes. Dust suppression will be June 14/15. Weed whacking will be carried out later in summer, as needed on the boulevards.

Note to Residents: When you are mowing your lawn & boulevards, please refrain from shooting the grass onto the road. Organics is one of the problems for the roads, preventing water shedding or diverting runoff in rivulets that cause erosion & potholes.

THE ECOGRID AT THE CIRCLE is holding up well & keeping our feet dry, but will need to be gone over with a leaf blower this summer to remove organics & raked in fall. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

PARKING AT THE CIRCLE is very scarce, so PLEASE, respect the 24hour parking limit and make alternative arrangements for long-term parking.

GOLF CARTS must be licensed & under-aged minors without drivers' licenses are not allowed to drive.

H. OFF LEASH DOG PARK: JANET ESTES

This Spring 2013, the City of Nanaimo approved Protection Island's first off-leash dog park, as a pilot project until Spring 2012. The park is at Gallows Point, encompassing the field and beaches between Beacon House and the barge ramp. Signs are posted outlining the rules and etiquette. Please review them before using the park.

Because Protection Island does not offer public garbage removal, no poop bag dispenser or garbage can has been installed. Please remember to bring your own bags and to move your dog's waste for disposal with your household garbage.

If your dog drags sticks or small logs up from the beach onto the grassy area, please return them to the beach before heading home. Lawnmowers and wood don't mix well.

It is our hope that users will respect the park rules as non-compliance could result in never making it past the pilot phase and the project being cancelled.

We hope that you and your dog's enjoy this wonderful waterfront space for play and exercise and meeting new friends.

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Many thanks to the Protection Island Lion's Club for their openness to trial this space as an off-leash area. The Lions are the stewards of this property and their generosity is appreciated.

Moved: Neil Goldsmith, **Seconded:** Thora Howell: **THAT** Directors' Reports be approved.
CARRIED.

1. OLD BUSINESS:

David Essig explained that there was an error in the 2010 AGM Minutes: on page 4, Paragraph 7, Line 5, the wording of the actual motion has been omitted. In order to register the changes in our Bylaws, including the change in name from PIRA to PINA, the following motion needs to be passed at this meeting.

MOVED: David Essig; **Seconded:** James Bowen:

Minutes of the 2010 AGM be amended to include the following: ON PAGE 4, PARAGRAPH 7, LINE 5, AFTER THE WORDS "BY THE PROVINCE", THE FOLLOWING WORDS ARE ADDED:

THAT this Society accept this extraordinary resolution:

ARTICLE 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION IS CHANGED TO:

The name of the society is changed to: **PROTECTION ISLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION.**

ARTICLE 2, SECTION A) OF THE CONSTITUTION IS CHANGED TO:

To secure improvements in the best interests of the property owners and residents on Protection Island

In the By-Laws, **BY-LAW 1, MEMBERSHIP, PARAGRAPH 2** is changed to:

Membership in the Society shall be open to those persons owning property situate on Protection Island and to those persons residing on Protection Island provided that their residence on Protection Island is their legal residence on the date of their membership in the Society.

In the By-Laws, **BY-LAW 3, TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**, paragraph 1 is changed to:

Members cease to be members upon ceasing to own property or upon ceasing to reside on Protection Island; and cease to be members thirty (30) days after due date for the payment of dues.

CARRIED.

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2. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COMMUNITY CHIPPING PILOT PROJECT:

David Carter reported: Jim Harris of DIGS approached David regarding the bringing over of a large chipper belonging to the City to the Island for our use. Jim Plaslerus of City Parks indicated he would need a plan under the umbrella of PINA. To that end, David & Jim proposed that the project be a pilot and that they will bring the chipper over at the end of November this year, after the storm period when the last of the limbs should be down before the winter snows. DIGS & perhaps the Lions Club members would assist with delivering bundles to sites at Smugglers', Pirates' (Mud Bay) & Beacon House. This could compliment the burn months.

Decisions need to be made as to the chip distribution and/or removal from the Island.

Moved: David Carter, **Seconded:** Cate Muir, **THAT** we adopt a Pilot Project for a chipper.

CARRIED.

Wendy Chandler suggested we make a sign-up list for people who would like chips.

B: BARGE (WARDILL) UPDATE:

Veronica reported that the barge has been given another thirty-day extension under current operating procedures. A new crew boat has been acquired & positive resolution with Transport Canada is anticipated shortly avoiding any further disruption to service to PI.

C: PROPOSED HARBOUR REDEVELOPMENT: Veronica Zehntner

PINA Directors met with the Developer, Marker Group, last week to sift the facts from rumours and to arrange for them to have a meeting over here with PI residents. There will be an Open House here at Beacon House Monday June 18 from 4:30-7:30 pm with Marker & a representative from the Port Authority to answer your questions.

There are still a few hurdles for them to clear, but part of the conditions for the plan is that the current 5 major tenants will remain, i.e.:

1. Protection Island Ferry)
2. Harbour Patrol Vessel, (for our medivacs & fire assists)
3. Penny's Palapa & Fish & Chip restaurants
4. Fuel Dock.

The garbage bins are not affected because they are on City property and Marker Group is only involved in the water lot.

The Commuter-boat & 3-hour access is in the plan, but not yet finalized. The possibility of a designated PI dock was suggested, using a portion of the 40% of the existing floats they will be able to salvage and reuse. We will need to involve the City on this as the Developer requires a cost-retrieval. Further to this, we will be pursuing a survey of Island boat numbers who use the facility and our Island's economic impact to the downtown core & make a case for our worth to the City.

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There are currently 49 leasers with PI postal-codes at the Boat Basin dock. We want to verify this number.

A lengthy discussion ensued, Jim Irvine offered to help with the survey.

Moved: by Jim Irvine, **Seconded:** Wendy Chandler, **THAT** a small committee be established to draw up a questionnaire, re: Harbour-Users. Committee to be headed by Jim who will report back to the PINA Board. **CARRIED.**

Moved: Jim Irvine, **Seconded:** Cory Hansen, **THAT** the above survey should include PI Ferry users and that we have a Forum meeting following the Open House to review information received and develop a strategy and action plan to deal with the issue. **CARRIED.**

D: LOT 40 ACQUISITIONS:

Moved: Sandy Noble, **Seconded:** Christina Nichol, **THAT** PINA form a fact-finding committee to investigate acquiring Lot 40, Plan 14111, (The Heron Colony), as a park for community use and to maintain a viable Heronry. **CARRIED.**

3. ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS:

A: REVIEW OF DIRECTORS' TERMS OF OFFICE:

Brenda Henderson has 1 year remaining.

David Essig & David Carter have 2 years remaining.

Veronica Zehntner, Andrew Homzy & Fred Schloessinger, terms expired.

Resignations: Janet Estes, Christine Firth, Linda Irvine.

B: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF DIRECTORS:

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| i) | Veronica Zehntner | Moved: Gavin Soanes; Seconded: Jane Garcia |
| ii) | Andrew Homzy | Moved: Thora Howell; Seconded: Jan Brown |
| iii) | Sara Gogo | Moved: Jim Irvine; Seconded: Gavin Soanes |
| iv) | Jane Garcia | Moved: Wendy Chandler; Seconded: Marion Luxton |
| v) | Karen Lajoy | Moved: Bev Carter; Seconded: Sara Gogo |
| vi) | James Bowen | Moved: Cory Hansen; Seconded: Rick Scott |

SIX NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brenda reminded people of the proisle.info website and thanked Denise Bonin for updating the website. She also thanked the attendees for their patience and input into this lengthy meeting.

SUMMER SOLSTICE JUNE 23RD AT BEACON HOUSE: 7 PM.

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Wendy Chandler reminded residents of **THE P.I. GARDEN TOUR ON SUNDAY JUNE 24, 10 AM**, meet at the Circle to tour gardens at the North end, ending at the Community Garden to BBQ hotdogs. Golf carts are available for those who need transportation or become too tired to continue.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved: Neil Goldsmith, Seconded: Rick Scott. **MEETING ADJOURNED** at 16:15.

Minutes recorded by: Brenda Henderson & Veronica Zehntner.