

## **PINA BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

**1: Call to Order.** At 7.35 pm the meeting was called to order. In attendance: Kevin Pistor, Andrew Homzy, Veronica Zehntner, Dave Carter, Doug Naylor, Catherine Eck, Jane Garcia, Gary Weikum. Absent, Karen Lajoy.

**2:Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Andrew, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried unanimously.

**3: Approval of minutes of Monday October 6, 2014.** Moved by Andrew, Veronica 2<sup>nd</sup>, Carried unanimously.

### **4: Matters arising from Minutes:**

a: signatures for credit union account

b: Gary sent an email to Cory that PINA was willing to meet re the changes to ferry schedule, no response received but the matter is resolved with sailings reinstated.

**5: President's verbal report:** None

**6: Treasurer's Report:** Veronica Zehntner.

General Account balance at October 31/14   \$1444.70

Dock Account balance at October 31/14       \$4861.32

22 people have paid moorage so far.

We received a letter from City Grants Advisory Committee re Permissive Tax Exemption for the dock head @ Pirates Park (Mud Bay). Their recommendation for our exemption for the next 3 years was approved by council on Sept 15/14. The estimated value of the "permissive tax exemption" for 2015 is \$6854. The Directors' Liability Insurance is due later this month – I have been in contact with Coast Capital Insurance and I am awaiting the invoice which should be about the same as last year.

**7: Roads Report:** Veronca Zehntner

The Eco-grid top up has been delayed until later this month due to Larry Wardill being on vacation and the City preferring to deal only with him operating the barge.

**8: Parks Report:** Veronica Zehntner

The new section to the stairs to Pirates Park was completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October. We now have 81 steps with longer landings. The structure is very robust and steps end on level ground. A resident called one night to report a loose tread on the top step. Veronica put signage up, yellow caution tape and temporarily tied the board to the adjacent one. She notified Richard @ Parks and it was repaired in less than 24 hours – an impressive response.

Jim Harris of DIGS and Veronica met with Al Britten at his office, along with the new manager of Davey Tree to discuss the City's chipping program and draft up guidelines to eliminate last year's problems and schedule the event for October 27<sup>th</sup>.

In collaboration with DIGS, a park clean up to remove "fuel load" was organized at "Long John Silver" Park, between Captain Kidds and Pirates Lane on Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>. Despite the heavy rain, 12 hardy souls turned out to volunteer and we have hauled out a substantial amount of material after which we went to Catherine Eck's for tea and muffins. Thank you to all who turned out and to Catherine for her hospitality.

Davey Tree arrived on schedule Monday am October 27<sup>th</sup> and completed the chipping, offloaded beside the community garden for anyone to help themselves. Islanders had the pile cleaned up by Wednesday. The program went very smoothly this year, although some people still put out branches less than 1" diameter which exited the chipper almost unscathed, leaving a pile of branches for DIGS to dispose of.

Davey Tree also did some private contract work for residents on the Tuesday. From our discussions with Al Britten and after the smooth operation this year, we anticipate this wonderful service continuing each year.

Veronica attended the Parks and Rec Commission monthly meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Approval in principle was granted to Lions for the Beacon House renovation project. Doug Naylor elaborated – the funding request was for 50% of the cost of the project \$89000 total, the first phase being \$45000. Approval in principle for phases 1 and 2, now have a letter confirming. This allows them to proceed with fundraising and grant application. The target is to begin next summer.

**9: Docks Report:** Nothing to report

Moved by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave to receive the reports as presented. Carried.

**10: Motion** – That the following letter be sent to all candidates for Nanaimo City Mayor and Councillors: motioned by Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane.

Discussion ensued. The following letter was then drafted and Andrew will forward to all the candidates:

Wherefore public access is enjoyed to and from all the neighbourhoods of Nanaimo.

Wherefore Protection Island is a neighbourhood of Nanaimo.

1: Will you support public shore access to the City for Protection Islanders via the City controlled Wellcox Lands?

2: What is your view on maintaining public access to the Downtown via the boat basin?

**11: City Services** : a discussion facilitated by Gary Weikum (45 minutes)

**12: Any Other Business:**

-Andrew discussed his experiences meeting with other neighbourhood associations – there is a wide range of organisational structure.

-Parking issues have to be presented to council via Ron Davidson, the contact for City parking on staff.

---- NPA fees have gone up

**13:Next Meeting:** Monday December 1, 2014

**14: Motion to Adjourn:** Kevin motioned, Veronica 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried