

## **PROTECTION ISLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION      AGM JUNE 12, 2016**

**1: Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1.34pm Directors present: Kevin Pistor, Veronica Zehntner, Dave Carter, Catherine Eck, Jane Garcia, Francine Dupuis. Regrets: Gary Weikum, Chris Carrier, Doug Naylor.**

**2:Adoption of Agenda: Bev Carter mover, 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Goldsmith that the agenda be adopted as written. Carried**

**3: Approval of minutes of AGM June 7, 2015. Moved by Gavin Soanes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lin Neufeld, carried.**

**4: Matters Arising from the Minutes: None**

**5: Introduction of Guest : Dave Stewart, Neighbourhood Planning Liaison. Dave Stewart was introduced and outlined his role as a contact for planning issues and regarding any other related issues, he would direct inquiries to the appropriate contact.**

**Corinne Brolewicz asked about parking in town for PI residents. Kevin outlined what PINA has been working on; whether there would be opportunities at the Wellcox Lands and Dave Stewart said he would bring that to the attention of his colleague connected to parking. Dave Carter then summarised how our concerns are being held in mind by the City as planning continues. Gavin Soanes brought up the status of the land at Leeshore, and a discussion followed re using that area as access for an emergency evacuation should the need arise. Valley Hennell raised the point about there being a Right of Way down to the water behind the firehall. Veronica comented that this area is too shallow for good accessibility.**

**Dave Stewart will get back to us on the parking issue and emergency access at Leeshore.**

**6: Reports:**

**President's Report:**

**I would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to everyone for coming out today, for participating in the neighbourhood association and for your financial support through purchasing a membership.**

**PINA offers a great forum for residents to bring forward issues related to our sharing this wonderful island together. The way to do that is to notify any of the Directors of your concern and we will see that the item is addressed at one of our monthly meetings. You are also invited to attend any of our executive meetings as they are open to all. Being a part of the PINA executive committee has given me a greater understanding of how all our community organizations-- PINA, Lion's Club, Mud Bay Dock users, Fire Dept., Historical Society, Library, and Community Garden--work to make our community the vibrant and special place to live that we enjoy. I encourage each of you to consider taking an active role in any of these organizations over the coming years.**

**I would like to acknowledge this year's executive Directors and thank them for their contributions: Doug Naylor (VP), Veronica Zehntner (Treas), Jane Garcia (Secr), David Carter, Catherine Eck,**

Gary Weikum, Francine Dupius, and Chris Carrier.

It has been my privilege to serve as the President of PINA for the past two years. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report: Veronica Zehntner:

Annual Financial Report to May 31,2016

Cash Flows from General Acct. Activity:

Cash Balance at last annual report May 2015	1.260.54	
Membership Dues Received	729.00	
Bank Int.	.12	
Total Revenue & Cash Balance		\$1.989.66
Licences, Permits, Fees	( 25.00	
Office Expense	(492.11)	
Postage	(124.85)	
Directors' Liability Ins. 1/3	(184.00)	
Donations	( 50.00)	
Sundry	( 13.00)	
Total Expenses		( 888.96)
Balance at May 31,2016		\$1.100.70

Expenses over Revenue (\$159.84)

Cash Flows from Dock A/C Activity:

Cash Balance at last annual report May 2015	3.510.97	
Dock Fees & Contributions O/S 2015	1.050.00	
	2016	10.130.00
Bank Int.	.48	
Total Revenue & Cash Balance		\$14.691.45

Dock Supplies Repairs & Maintenance	(3,130.85)	
Freight (P I Supply)	( 196.35)	
Annual Insurance	(1,000.00)	
Directors' Liability Ins. 2/3	( 366.00)	
Moorage Lease (Port of Nanaimo)	(4,454.76)	
Circle/Park Lease	( 26.25)	
Interim Survey re: new 20 yr. lease	(1,515.68)	
Rentals	( 20.00)	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>(\$10,709.89)</b>
<b>Balance at May 31.2016</b>		<b>\$3,981.56</b>
<b>Revenue over Expenditures: \$470.59</b>		

**C: Mud Bay Dock : Dave Carter**

**P.I.N.A. Has sponsored two meetings to date for mud bay moorage.**

**A committee has been formed, consisting of two P.I.N.A. Directors and three representatives of the mud bay users group.**

**This committee will formulate the calculation methods determining future moorage rates.**

**The committee will also review and report on any dock rule changes and improvements.**

**The anchoring of the docks is nearly complete and will be followed by a final survey and completion of our lease agreement with the Nanaimo Port Authority**

**Question from the floor regarding who to pay for dock fees – fees are collected by Catherine Eck.**

**The members of the Mud Bay dock committee are 2 PINA members plus Al Bishop, Rob Timbrell and Larry Iwaskow.**

**The dock account has received the following donations: Don Corfield \$400, Francine Dupuis and Andrew Homzy \$200, Larry Iwaskow \$500**

**Andrew Homzy raised the point that the dock is an essential part of the community and called upon non users to consider making a donation. The benefits of having the dock are that it enhances property values here by providing community boat access and alleviates congestion on the ferry.**

**D: Roads and Parks Veronica Zehntner**

**ROADS:** We had a site meeting in March of all the roads and the City came over in April and did a temporary filling of the potholes throughout the island to tide us over until the regular annual maintenance.

Barging of wrap commenced the end of May and grading is scheduled for Mon. June 13th through the 17th. to be followed by dust suppression Mon. June 20th. using the same product as last year which held up well.

The small grader was sold last year and the City has been unable to locate another,( there isn't enough work to justify them) so it will be the big one again, However, they will do their best to keep the roads narrow and concentrate on rebuilding the crown again.

The Lions Club has the contract to mow around the fire hydrants and a narrow strip along the boulevards to ensure clear visibility, especially at corners and on curves, for small children and pet safety and to give access to pedestrians to step off the road when vehicles pass. It also helps to keep the grass green by mowing from early on and reduces the fire hazard from careless tossing of cigarette butts.

#### **PARKS:**

Stairs were constructed last summer from the access to Davey Bay

We collaborated with DIGS and the Lions Club for the fall chipping program and cleaned up Hidden Treasure Park and the trail in Ben Gunn Park. The City contracted VI Tree for the chipping and residents' garden prunings left on the boulevards, which were limited to 1 cord per household. This worked well and VI Tree remained a few days for people with extra needs to hire privately. The chips were dumped beside the Community Garden for residents to help themselves.

VI Tree did complain of some people putting rakings in their piles with rocks, which could seriously damage the equipment. Some people still didn't follow the guidelines and put tiny branches less than 1" dia. which did not chip, so DIGS had to then burn them. Piles with invasives and vines and canes etc. were not picked up.

We have already scheduled the program for this year for the end of October before the burn season.

We had a Daphne eradication work party in April in Pirates Park and will hold more in early fall. Parks has supplied us with all the tools.

New signs have been erected at the 2 entrances to Smugglers Park with the bylaws clearly marked, please read and observe the rules when using the park.

Parks were over to assess the erosion beside the ramp to the medivac dock and loose rail stanchion at Gallows Pt. and VI Tree was over topping dead Arbutus in Pirates Park. This came as a surprise since we thought the work would be done in October and we had planned to distribute the wood among those residents physically unable to get their own. However Rick Biller of the Lions Club did manage to deliver 3 truck loads before having to leave for work. The rest was left for folk to help themselves and it vanished the next day.

VI Tree remained on the island all week doing private work and chips were dumped beside the Community Garden, they too disappeared quickly.

Jurgen asked about the rules for vehicles driving into parks, Veronica replied that the rule is no motorized vehicles in the parks, except golf carts don't fall into that category. The spirit of the rule is no vehicles in the parks.

Neil Goldsmith brought up the issue of Japanese Knotweed being present on the island and asked for clarification regarding identifying it. This is of concern due to its' invasive nature. Lin Neufeld described it as looking like bamboo, pale with pink flecks and broad leaves. The best way to eradicate it is to cut it down, keep separate from garden waste, and poison it, it takes 3 -4 years to get rid of it.

Catherine Eck described the location, Chris Hemphill suggested putting images of it on the bulletin boards.

**E: Community Health Catherine Eck**

**PINA Island Health Group: Marian Luxton, Don McQueen, Francine Dubois, Catherine Eck.**

The goals of this group are to investigate the resources that are available through Community Health and to try and help residents access these more readily. To investigate health and community resources that will enable island residents to remain part of our PI community as they age or recover from injury or illness.

Two meetings and several email communications were held between our island group and Pam Rasmussen and Helia Sillem from VIHA Community Health. We discussed the unique challenges that Protection Island residents face when trying to access medical services and home support.

We gathered all the literature available from VIHA. Don McQueen tirelessly reduced all the information into a two page document. Several islanders looked at the resulting pages and felt it was clear and easy to understand. All the literature and the condensed material will be placed in our P.I. Library and posted on Pro-Isle as soon as the final draft is complete.

Meals on wheels. An investigation into supplying regular, delivered, hot meals to home bound residents is ongoing. We only need five people requiring Meals on Wheels for them to be delivered three times a week to island homes. We are also looking at the cost and variety of other local meal services. More information will be posted on Pro-isle in the Fall.

Discussions with Our Lions Club regarding wheelchair accessibility especially return trips from hospital are in process.

**Question:**Bev Carter asked for the list of health care providers to be made available on bulletin boards, and she also thanked Catherine for all the work she has put into this.

Valley has a list of people not on Pro-Isle and she offered to mail out this information to them.

Debra Weikum asked – is there someone to help people fill out the form? Cathie replied people at VIHA will help with that.

Chris Coughlin asked if there is wheelchair access – Lions Club has a list of equipment available, including three wheelchairs. Dave Carter answered there are ideas in process for a wheelchair friendly dock access.

Shari Biller and Sandra Nisbet are the contacts for the Lions Club equipment.

**Motion to accept the reports:** Brenda Henderson moved and Neil Goldsmith 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the reports – carried unanimously.

**7: Old Business:** None

**8: New Business:**

Andrew Homzy asked when does the PINA membership cycle begin? June 1<sup>st</sup> is official start date. It was confirmed that if a membership is paid on the day of the AGM, voting at the meeting is OK.

**9: Election of New Directors** Veronica read out the Directors' Terms of Office:-

Jane Garcia, Veronica Zehntner & Chris Carrier	each have	2 years remaining
Cave Carter, Doug Naylor, Catherine Eck & Gary Weikum		1 year remaining
Francine Dupuis took over a 1 yr. slot her term is up		3 year
term open		
Kevin Pistor's term is up		3 year
term open		
Chris Carrier is stepping down		2 year
term open		

Kevin Pistor indicated that he would stand again if nominated.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF DIRECTORS:**

Jim McQuarrie	Nominated by Brenda Henderson	Seconded by Lin Neufeld
Jim Menzies	Nominated by Bev Carter	Seconded by Lin Neufeld
Kevin Pistor	Nominated by Andrew Homzy	Seconded by Bev Carter

Three calls for any more nominations from the floor.

Three new Directors by Acclamation.

#### 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Veronica announced that DIGS and Lions Club are having a joint celebration Dessert Auction & live music as a final bash at the Beacon House on Sat. June 18th 6 pm. This is the final event at Beacon House before renovations start.

Lin Neufeld explained that they have the work permits for Phase 1 of Beacon House Renovation Project and that this phase would not change the footprint of the building, that will take place in Phase 2.

Veronica thanked the City, Nanaimo Fire Rescue & Station # 7 for hosting us at the fire hall this year for the AGM as Beacon House availability dates were so uncertain.

Jason read a note from Larry Iwaskow re there will be one more work party in August and later, a pancake breakfast on the dock.

Catherine Eck announced there would be a strawberry tea on Sunday 19th, as a farewell to Jim and Bonnie.

Lin Neufeld re Beacon House renovation update: There will be an information session organised for Phase 1, they have the building permit for Phase 1 now. Lin thanked everyone for supporting the fundraising events. Phase 2 will change the footprint, but after Phase 1 it will be useable.

Andrew Homzy stated the importance of PINA, as it interacts with other organisations and encouraged our neighbours to join. PINA helps make the community's voice stronger with other groups such as the NPA, VIHA, City etc. Andrew also brought up that the value of Pro-Isle outweighs the drawbacks for this community.

Lin clarified that the membership fee was per person

Dave Carter thanked Catherine Eck.

Bev Carter thanked the PINA Directors for their work.

11: Motion to Adjourn: David Essig moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2.47 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Goldsmith.