

PINA AGM June 16 2019

1 Call to Order: 1.31 pm meeting called to order. Directors present: Kevin Pistor, Veronica Zehntner, Jane Garcia, Jim Menzies, Doug Naylor, Jim MacQuarrie. Regrets: Maureen Johnson, Gary Weikum, Dave Carter. Members present: 47

2: Acknowledgement: we are holding this meeting on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Snueymuxw First nation and are thankful that we can live, work and play in this beautiful area.

3 Adoption of Agenda: moved by Robert Burns, second- Lin Neufeld to accept the amended agenda, 7:d fire safety stickers, 7:e recent thefts Carried

4: Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM: Jane Foxwell moved, Catherine Eck seconded, Carried

5: Matters Arising from the minutes: N/A

6:Reports:

a)President's report: Kevin Pistor. Kevin thanked all the Directors for their time and hard work this year on behalf of PI residents, and referred members to his report in the annual newsletter.

b)Treasurer's report: Veronica Zehntner Cash Flows from General Account Activity:

Cash Balance at last annual report May 31, 2018	774.15
Membership Dues Received	1.160.00
Bank Int.	.16
Donations	20.00
Petty Cash	30.00
Total Revenue & Cash Balance	\$1.984.31
Licences, Permits, Fees	(40.00)
Office Expense	(968.39)
Postage	(100.03)
Directors' Liability Ins. 1/3	(191.00)
Donations	(50.00)
Website Domain	(149.74)
Hall Rentals	(25.00)
Bank S/C	(15.00)
Total Expenses	(1.539.16)

Balance at May 31, 2019	\$445.15
Expenses over Revenue	(329.00)
Cash Flows from Dock Account Activity	
Cash Balance at last annual report May 31, 2018	14,224.00
Dock Fees O/S from 2017	2,000.00
2018	13,425.00
In Lieu of Labour	1,300.00
Donations	335.00
Bank Int.	2.05
Total Revenue & Cash Balance	\$31,286.05
Dock Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	(2,930.84)
Freight (P I Supply)	(189.40)
Annual Dock Ins..	(1,075.00)
Directors' Liability Ins. 2/3	(384.00)
Moorage Lease (Port of Nanaimo)	(2,985.95)
Circle Lease	(26.25)
Bank S/C	(15.00)
Total Expenses	(7,606.44)
Balance at May 31, 2019	\$23,679.61
Revenue over Expenses	\$9,455.61
Note: Reserve of \$13,000 set aside for emergency	
Available cash on hand	\$10,679.61

c)Mud Bay dock report: Kevin Pistor: This year saw the addition of one new dock section along with regular maintenance of existing dock sections.

While PINA is the legal lease holder for the dock and manages the bank account for the dock, all management decisions are now done by a dock committee comprised of two PINA Directors and three dock users: Al Bishop, Jason Metz, Larry Iwaskow, David Essig (PINA), and Kevin

Pistor (PINA). PINA acknowledges that while costs associated with the dock are covered by current users, it is an asset to all residents as it provides the option of landing your own boat if you do not have private waterfront access. It is also an asset to all property owners as its existence increases the resale value of island properties. Donations are always welcomed and appreciated. Thank you to all who have supported the Mud Bay Dock through donations, payment of fees, volunteer labour, and food donations for work parties. Please see the PINA newsletter for more details.

d)Roads and Parks: Roads Report - Veronica Zehntner -

Road work was completed June 7th and dust suppression on June 10.

Crews did an excellent job this year and the material had less gravel in it and packed well. The dust suppression went well with the requested water truck prepping the surface ahead of the dust suppression truck and both trucks were in working order this year.

- The dip on Pirates Lane at the Causeway left for access to valves last year is still there. The valves still have to be raised by the sewage dept. The plan is to encircle them with asphalt to secure in place then cover with wrap. After several conversations about this there is still no definitive answer when this might occur

- After 6 months of complaining a brand new sign at Colvilleton Trail & Pirates Ln. is finally being made and should be installed shortly.

- Reminder, the circle parking is very busy this time of year so please make alternative arrangements if going away for several days. Also the parking abutting the fence at 9 Pirates Ln. (the log house) is for large vehicles that don't fit most anywhere else, if you park your golf cart there it leaves them very little option to park.

Summertime also sees a lot of visitors some of whom let their children drive golf carts, if you see this please stop them & explain it is illegal & that insurance is invalid.

Veronica received a call from the Roads dept. with a heads up for what might be coming down the pike regarding dust suppression. In 4 years time, the company providing the product to the City will be closing down operations on Vancouver Is. and Roads & City Council are considering applying "chipseal" on Protection Is. This is a "rustic" type of paving (Nanaimo Lakes Rd was given as an example) Gravel is embedded in a layer of asphalt. They would just do an 8 1/2 ft. strip - about the width of the dust suppression application - so permeable boarders would remain for run off and walking. It's not 100% sure yet but likely to occur in the next 3 yrs.

Parks Report: Veronica Zehntner: We had a very successful annual fall park clean up of Capt. Hook Park with 21 volunteers removing tons of fire load and invasives. We just scratched the surface of this most challenging park and will have to revisit it again this year. This was followed by the chipping program as usual.

The City arborist had fallers drop about 30 dead trees last year then as a result of the December wind storm and the loss or damage of healthy trees & the related limbs, another 20 were pruned or felled in March of this year & a second chipping service was provided by Parks. The Lions Club hauled and delivered a total of 67 loads of fire wood over the year to those in need.

With climate change as of last week another 60 trees have died and been identified, - most grand fir and cedar - our forests are dying around us. The Lions Club and PINA are in discussion with Parks about the next steps and time line to deal with this. PINA & Lions have also formed a joint committee on parks & we meet 3 or 4 times a year and are looking at ways to remove invasives and restore native species and mitigate climate related fire danger and erosion from storms.

The arborist was also shown the erosion at the base of the Gary oak trees on the shore in Pirates Park from the winter storms and king tides. Lions and PINA requested dam sacks or rip rap to stabilize the bank from further erosion and Veronica made a second request again in April.

In April we hosted the 2nd. follow up community meeting with Parks on the major upgrade to Pirates Park stairs. They will be rerouted at the top to align with the centre of the access trail which was surveyed and the last flight will be split in 2 as requested at the 1st. meeting. The hand rails are still in the planning stage, the metal hand rail promised will be over budget (\$3.000) so the standard construction will be done, then a user friendly rail out of wood attached at a comfortable height later. We stressed this rail is very important to users. The new treads will be of the material we requested.

Construction will take about 1 month to complete and the stairs will be completely closed off during that time. The old stairs will be removed prior to construction. Parks dept. are currently in the process of hiring additional staff and will commenced work as soon as that has occurred and will contact Veronica in advance of construction so islanders can be notified to make other arrangements getting to the ferry. The concrete steps at the Beacon House will also be refurbished at the same time and 1 step repaired and a new hand rail installed.

Questions re roads report; Bev Jones- can we see a sample of the road paving? Milena Essig answered that Nanaimo Lakes Rd is one place to see it. David Shannon questioned the width of 8 ½ ft, not being wide enough for 2 golf carts. Bev Jones asked if this would mean there would be no more potholes, Veronica answered there would still be pot holes. Please bring any concerns on this issue to PINA rather than contacting the City directly.

Jane Foxwell stated that she would want dust suppression above other options. Lin Neufeld spoke on behalf of a neighbour regarding the increased number of cars and trucks on the island and whether we should restrict only to golf carts. Catherine Eck commented that there are more cars, going too fast.

Questions re Parks report: Naomi Rouleau asked is there a sign for the stairs down to Pirates Park and dock – no there isn't. Marian Luxton commented regarding people (arborists) here last week from Parksville, looking at trees – they are extra crew for the City. Gavin Soanes asked, is it just on PI that the trees are dying? Answer- no it is everywhere. Jean Menzies asked if the tree work can be extended to private lots - , the answer is that City must contact owners. Linda Jeffries asked if residents could go direct to the owners. Veronica answered, yes, if you know the owner and have their contact info. Linda Jeffries also had concerns about the tennis courts' uneven surface and the potential for injury. Veronica replied that the Pickle ball group met with Parks to discuss. The tennis courts were a fill site from when the sewers were installed and there are boulders and rubble underneath. There is also groundwater running underneath which is causing some subsidence. One approach would be to remove the existing court and grind up the concrete and use it as a bed to level out the ground below & pour a new surface – Lions Club is more involved with parks Dept than PINA on this issue.

e)Other files: updates – Gary Weikum, Maureen Johnson and Dave Carter were absent. Cate Muir asked about any updates regarding the P.I boat ramp – there will be upgrades this year. On the town side, Jim MacQuarrie answered that the service ramp on the Wellcox lands has not been forgotten but as yet there is no firm timeline.

7: New Business: PINA constitution – Jim Menzies

- a) Plan for reviewing and renewing our Vision and Mission statements. (no motion required) See document – “A plan for 2019/2020”

- b) Moved by Brenda Henderson; seconded David Essig; (2/3 majority required) Carried, 1 abstention.

Be it resolved that: The Constitution of the Society dated June 14, 2018 be amended as follows:

Delete the clause, “to promote and develop the welfare of the residents as well as the ratepayers of the community” And replace it with the clause, “to promote and develop the well being of the residents and property owners of the community”

Cate Muir stated that she appreciated the word change but would prefer ‘maintain development’ over ‘promote and develop’. David Shannon asked if it was trouble to register these changes with the society. Jim Menzies replied that he didn’t anticipate any issues.

- c) Moved David Essig; seconded Heather Cooling (simple majority, 50%+1 required) Carried, 1 abstention.

Be it resolved that: The Vision Statement of the Society be rescinded and replaced with the following Vision and Mission Statements:

VISION STATEMENT:

We envision Protection Island as a unique, quiet, friendly, beautiful and safe community in which residents cooperate to maintain the natural setting, with its beaches, parks, trees, wildlife and native plants.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to work together to find the most acceptable and respectful ways to deal with problems and differences (access, moorage, garbage disposal, vehicles, streetlights, pets, etc.) while maintaining our informal non-bureaucratic, easygoing Protection Island lifestyle.

7: e Fire Safety Stickers: The stickers were designed and paid for by PINA directors as one way of bringing attention to the fire risk to visitors during the dry summers. Marian Luxton asked for the information on them to be read out. Some were handed out at the meeting and more will be available from Jim MacQuarrie – residents are asked to make a donation for them if they feel so inclined. The stickers are meant only for your personal property – gates, golf carts etc and not for hydro poles. PINA will ask permission from the pub to put some in the waiting room.

7:f Recent thefts: Call the police if you see anything unusual. Jim Menzies asked that residents do not pre announce the arrival of the RCMP to the island as this alerts any would-be thieves to their presence. Cate Muir stated that she appreciates the Block Watch updates on social media. Robert Burns said – even if there is not a file for a case, it’s still advisable to call the police first. David Shannon asked about the timing to get RCMP here. Veronica replied that it depends on availability of either the Harbour Patrol boat or the volunteer coastguard. She also advised that if there is an incident in progress, to call 11. If it is not in progress, call the non emergency number. It was advised to take photos if this doesn’t put you in danger. Catherine Eck asked about citizens’ arrest but this is neither advised or expected. Linda Jeffries asked if Blockwatch has access to engraving tools. Contact Peter Frewin regarding this. Jean Compton wanted to know more about Blockwatch and was told there would be information available after the meeting.

8: Election of New Directors: Veronica read out the terms of office for the directors:
Jane Garcia, Kevin Pistor, & Veronica Zehntner each have 2 years remaining
Doug Naylor, David Carter, Gary Weikum and Maureen Johnson have 1 year remaining
Jim MacQuarrie and Jim Menzies terms have expired
There are 2 openings for election at this A G M.
Jim MacQuarrie has indicated he would stand for re election if nominated.

The call was then made for nominations for directors.
Jim Macquarrie was nominated by Jane Foxwell and seconded by Neil Goldsmith
Jean Compton was nominated by Brenda Henderson and seconded by Cate Muir
David Essig was nominated by Marion Graham and seconded by Marion Luxton

A second call for nominations from the floor was called, and a third and final call for nominations from the floor. All candidates confirmed they would be willing to stand and ballots were passed out for the vote.
The elected candidates were Jim MacQuarrie and David Essig.

9: Announcements: Solar power on the island. Kevin Pistor was contacted through the Nanaimo Neighbourhood network about this, and he posted the information on Pro-Isle. If you would like the information forwarded, leave your email with Kevin.

Heather Cooling announced that the upcoming exhibition at the museum would be 'Small Collections' which will run through July. This will be followed by 'Ecosystems of P.I.' from August to mid September.

Cate Muir asked if there was any information from the Emergency Committee. Kevin outlined that there were 2 committees formed; Emergency Committee has been chaired by Peter Frewin – they meet monthly and will have printed hand outs for every property soon. Neil Goldsmith is leading the Fire Smart group. He walked through all the parks and is now waiting for information and input from the City. Training is also offered through the City. Naomi Rouleau asked who to call in the event of fire – the answer was please call 911 or *5555 or 1- 800 and ask for fire dept. The non emergency line is 250 753 7311.

Catherine Eck mentioned that some people staying at an Air B and B asked about having a fire pit and went ahead with this. Discussion ensued whereby it was agreed that this was the type of situation for which the fire stickers were intended. PINA will look into having a larger version made – poster sized with more information on it. It was noted that at the time of the meeting there was already a Class 2 ban in effect.

Cate Muir stated that there are water restrictions at stage 2 for Nanaimo and P.I. Gavin Soanes asked – is there an update on Wellcox Lands? Kevin Pistor answered there's a road going in to avoid the wooden trestle – but no other development has been announced.

Reminder about the pancake breakfast and Bath tub race – July 21st, as well as the P.I 360.
September 7th is the DIGS Fall Fair.

10: Motion to Adjourn: at 3.09 pm Moved David Essig seconded: Trudy Chatwin carried

Many thanks to the outgoing 2018-2019 Board of Directors. The Board expresses its sincere appreciation to all the members for their continued support.