

## **PINA AGM JUNE 10, 2018**

### **1:Call to Order: 1.30**

Directors present: Gary Weikum, Kevin Pistor, Veronica Zehntner, Doug Naylor, Dave Carter, Jane Garcia, Maureen Johnson, Jim Menzies. Regrets: Jim MacQuarrie. Total present 44

**2: Adoption of Agenda.** Addition- new Business: b) streetlights c) Mud Bay dock fees d) Recycling e) Feeding wildlife. Moved by Valley Hennell, Trudy Chatwin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried

**3: Approval of minutes of AGM June 11, 2017** Bev Jones moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Keevil. Carried

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

### **5: Reports**

a) **President's Report:** Gary Weikum

#### **PINA President's Report 2018**

The Protection Island Neighbourhood Association is one of a number of groups that have been organized to contribute to the well-being and sense of community on our Island. As an association we do not provide direct services or activities to Island residents. Our focus has generally been on representing the interests of Island residents to other organizations and levels of government, in order to have them provide services to the Island. I am constantly awed at the volunteers who generously give their time to make our neighbourhood a special place. From musicians, artists, gardeners, carpenters, organizers, computer experts, to bakers; we truly live among wonderful people.

I would like to give a special thanks to the LIONS Club, without their initiative we would not be able to host our AGM in this lovely community centre.

The PINA Board of Directors has been busy this year, initiating a number of activities for the benefit of Islanders, and responding to outside events to ensure that resident interests are considered. We have made special effort to make build relationships with other organizations that impact our Island. We don't want to be an after-thought, but want to be approached/informed as soon as an outside organization initiates something that would impact Islanders. I would like to touch on some highlights.

**Provincial** Local MLA Sheila Malcolmson was invited to the Island and given a tour last summer.

**City of Nanaimo** Port Drive Waterfront Masterplan for improved access between PI and rest of Nanaimo open house, individual aldermen, staff, city council meeting, public engagement session & public hearing. At the staff level and council level, they know who we are. 2018 Municipal election candidates are being approached and briefed on Protection Island issues

**Port of Nanaimo** We have established regular meetings with the Port of Nanaimo. Met on 3 occasions with Ewan Moir, new CEO of Port of Nanaimo – Breath of fresh air name change.

Michelle Corfield is the current Chairman of Port Board of Directors. Special relationship because of alliance from boat basin privatization initiative

Mike Davidson, vice-president of property & real estate

Rod Grounds, harbour master

Pat Belanger, Boat basin manager

New issues are emerging with the Port of Nanaimo, but we are confident that they can be resolved without the level of frustration previously experienced.

We attended 4 meetings of the Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network, which normally includes a city presentation. It has been a busy year but also very successful.

**B) Treasurer's Report: Veronica Zehntner: Cash Flows from General Account Activity:**

Cash Balance at last annual report May 31.2017	889.91	
Membership Dues Rec'd	1,120.00	
Bank Int.	.18	
Total Revenue & Cash Balance		\$2,100.09
Licences. Permits, Fees	(40.00)	
Office Expense	(740.28)	
Postage	(122.86)	
Directors' Liability Ins. 1/3	(185.00)	
Donations	(50.00)	
Website Domain	(137.79)	
Hall Rentals - Special Mtgs.	(50.00)	
Total Expenses		(\$1,325.93)
Balance at May 31.2018		\$774.15
Expenses over Revenue (\$115.25)		
Cash Flows from Dock Account Activity:		
Cash Balance at last annual report May 31.2017	11,531.94	
Dock Fees	14,925.00	
In Lieu of Labour	1,300.00	
Donations	25.00	

Bank Int.	1.61	
Total Revenue & Cash Balance		\$27,783.55
Dock Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	(3,343.35)	
Freight (P I Supply)	(396.03)	
Annual Dock Ins.	(1,000.00)	
Directors' Liability Ins. 2/3	(370.00)	
Moorage Lease (Port of Nanaimo) - new rate	(3,286.85)	
Circle Lease	(26.25)	
Surveys re: new 20 yr. lease	(4,600.05)	
Office Exp. incl. 3 yrs. decals	(537.02)	
Total Expenses		(13,559.55)
Balance at May 31, 2018		\$14,224.00
Revenue over Expenses		\$2,692.06

**c) Dock Report:** Kevin Pistor and Dave Carter: Dock report-lease signing

The lease signing will occur after the Port of Nanaimo reviews the wording at their next board meeting. The proposed new lease area is smaller, and results in significant savings.

**d) Roads and Parks :** Veronica Zehntner.

Barging of wrap for annual maintenance occurred last week and grading is scheduled for this coming week to be followed by dust suppression. A small water truck is to precede the grader.

CIRCLE: This is not a storage or long term parking facility and is very congested some days. People have expressed frustration trying to find a spot. Please do not leave your vehicle there more than one night, have a neighbour take it home for you until you return.

The area abutting 9 pirates Lane is for large long vehicles, please do not park golf carts there if at all possible or those vehicles have very little option to park. Please slow down approaching the circle for safety and to spare the residents there the dust created.

We have had complaints of unlicensed vehicles driving around and children have been seen driving golf carts again. Please stop anyone you see doing this and explain it is illegal and dangerous, - don't turn a blind eye - someone is going to get hurt.

Discussion ensued: Valley Hennell said some people get defensive when told something is illegal but pointed out that it took us 6 years of lobbying ICBC & Motor Vehicles to have golf carts approved for

transportation on the Protection Island (with the provision that children did not drive) and this privilege could be jeopardized. This approach might be helpful when stopping offending drivers.

The question was asked why the road maintenance isn't being done earlier in the year for dust control. Veronica replied that they had been scheduled for completion in May but were 2 weeks late.

Catherine Eck asked about the dust suppressant last year being extra sticky. Veronica answered it needs more water to activate, recommended to spray the road outside your house. Bev Jones commented that this is still too late in the year to wait for the many potholes to be filled. Cate Muir commented – thank you to those drivers who slow down around pedestrians.

There is now a hand rail beside the steep steps to Jim Hawkins beach in Ben Gunn park.

A fall work party was held at the Cutlass Look out end of Smugglers park. Only 9 people showed up but we hauled out a large quantity of fuel load as well as invasive plants (ivy & daphne. ) We will be going back to cleaning up undeveloped parks this fall probably Capt. Hook park. When the notice for volunteers goes out please lend a hand for an hour or so especially if you back onto the park being cleaned up

The fall chipping programme went well with the chips disappearing as fast as they were dumped beside the community garden. V. I. Tree also chipped the wood from the clean up and felled some dangerous trees in the parks.

The stairs from Pirates Park are slated for a major upgrade in 2019. We had a meeting with Parks in early spring and will be hosting them at Beacon House in the fall for an Open House for community input on the changes (treads/more user friendly hand rails)

In May we met jointly with the Lions Club and Parks to look at more dead trees for removal. The Grand firs are dying at an alarming rate both on P. I. and in town. Parks will be dealing with them this month while they are still climbable. If you have a dangerous dead tree near your house that is on city property, please contact either Veronica of PINA or Rick Biller of the Lions Club so we can make appropriate arrangements with the city.

We also met with the city horticulturist to assess Smugglers Park regarding mowing protocol to protect the wild flowers - mid to late July once the Camus have made seed- and to look at enhancing the native habitat in the Gary Oak meadow. The City will come over in fall and reseed with native grasses and Camus. Over time the native grasses will choke out the existing ones and they only grow to 5" so will not need mowing. This will allow any oak seedlings to survive and grow instead of being decapitated by a mower every year.

PINA also discussed and showed Parks the daphne infestation in Elizabeth Park and adjacent lot off Colvilleton Trail. Parks suggested because of the extent of it and the logistics of getting it off the island that we deal with it insitu and they will provide heavy duty black tarps to cover it once it's cut and piled. They did this at Jack Pt. a few years ago with good results, the pile composting down to almost nothing. The only problem with composting it is the soil will be completely sterile after, but we will contain it to just one area in the park. We also have permission from the owner of the adjacent lot to go on the property and we will be holding a work party to cut it soon. Please watch for the call to arms and volunteer and hour of so of your time.

There are still a few spots of Broom blooming and a few of us have been cutting it . Now is the time while it's in bloom - cut at ground level before it makes seeds.. - each adult plant can make up to 18.000 seeds.

Please do not throw invasives from your gardens into the parks where they will just take over. We were informed by the parks horticulturist that there is actually a fine for not removing invasives from your property if they are on the Provincial list. We were informed by a Lions member a few days ago that there is some hysteria on the island about ticks. Yes summer time is tick season and the best defense as always is to cover up with long sleeves & pants when in the woods or brush and check yourself regularly. Ticks are most active in the early summer and ease off with the hotter dryer weather. Ticks can't jump but wait in long grass and bushes for an animal to pass by and sometimes hop on a human. To help avoid tick bites when walking through long grass, dense brush or woods - use an insect repellent with DEET and wear light clothing so you can see the little buggers. Stick to cleared trails and check yourself and especially your pet after your walks. While ticks can carry Lyme disease it is rare - only about 3 - 5 cases are seen on the whole of Vancouver Is. in any given year. Protection Isl has not had a tick problem in the past, our deer population has plummeted and we don't have rabbits, the two main hosts. PINA will be posting a notice with a link to preventative tips on avoiding tick bites and care after.

There was some discussion about daphne and method of removal. Veronica said the standard used by the City is to cut at ground level, being careful not to get the toxic sap on your skin or near your eyes. Bag it in a black garbage bag to cook it. Cate Muir mentioned she air dries it on a grating. This is O.K. too as well as ivy. It was also mentioned that the black berries that form on the plant are toxic to animals and children.

Cate Muir asked about golf carts being allowed into parks, Veronica replied only those with a disabled sticker are allowed.

**e) Freighters:** Gary Weikum Cate asked whether we are in touch with Gabriola groups regarding freighter anchorage, and if our efforts to have them moved are impacting Gabriola. Gary replied that is not the case.

**f) Downtown Boat Basin Revitalization & Group Moorage:** Dave Carter

Boat Basin revitalization and group moorage A vision of an open port with commercial and local users combined with visitor moorage, has been approved. A shared moorage for Protection Islanders has been agreed to, in principle. A visitor activity area for floating restaurants, passenger ferries and community events is proposed. Work may begin in the fall. Significant funding is required to complete.

**g) Relationship with Nanaimo Port Authority:** Gary Weikum. Change of name to Port of Nanaimo.

**h) City of Nanaimo Service ramp on Welcox Lands :** Dave Carter & Gary Weikum:

City of Nanaimo service ramp on the Welcox lands Our efforts to persuade the City of Nanaimo to include a service ramp on the Welcox lands have been realized. Our many meetings and presentations to the City council has made this important facility possible. As the City of Nanaimo does not own the Brechin boat ramp, this new ramp could be a vital future link for our island.

Matthew Eck asked:1) are there public meetings planned for the boat basin. Dave Carter replied that he can keep us informed regarding the committee meetings that have been struck. 2) re the service ramp at Welcox Lands, will there be access for P.I residents to to load their boat from a vehicle? Gary replied it is more for service vehicles. Dave pointed out that it's a public access which is most important for us as City residents. Cate Muir asked about plans for better emergency access at Gallows Point. Gary replied that it is on PINA's agenda to have a ramp for disabled access. Dave mentioned we have the go ahead to

reuse floats from the harbour redevelopment for our docks. Veronica mentioned that the upgrade and replacement of the dock and ramp has been discussed with Parks. They suggested a lower profile ramp in the future and Veronica asked if the breakwater could be extended. Brian Taylor asked re transient 3 hour moorage in town and this decreasing. Gary answered that this seems to have been an arbitrary decision on the part of the NPA and Dave suggested as residents that developing shared moorage would be a solution. 3 hour moorage not really being meant for us as residents to use. Cate Muir moved to accept the reports, Lyn Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**6: Old Business:** none

**7: New business:**

- a) General discussion about PINA views on park trail improvements. This was discussed as an executive and now brought before AGM. Jurgen Goering confirmed we were not speaking to a motion. Trails should be safe but he felt that to try and pave every path detracts from the natural appeal. Lyn Roberts: felt it would be helpful if there were rope rails or hand rails on some trails. Lin Neufeld felt the trails should be maintained for safety and that City Parks dept should walk them once a year. Veronica confirmed this. Jean Keevil: would vote to keep trails natural but agrees to have rails on paths as needed. Roger Ebert: agreed that the trail down through Cutlass Lookout is one area that is hazardous and could be safer. Veronica confirmed that every year in conjunction with Rick Biller, the trails are assessed. Valley: asked who owns the trails? Gary Weikum replied that they are City owned and are categorized throughout City parks in differing levels of accessibility – from scramble trails to paved. Claire Crowe agrees with keeping trails as natural as possible with addition of rope or rail. Corinne Brolewicz asked about having signs to say where they lead. Jane Foxwell agrees with having hand or rope rails for extra safety and inclusion for access to trails for ageing residents. Kevin Pistor summarized the input as tending towards minimal rather than more solid structures. Tom Keevil: our parks are shown as having trails that don't actually exist – could these be opened up? Diane Kincaid: asked whether the parks behind homes are also for access and walking. Gary answered yes, they all have same status, but prefers not to put this item on the agenda today. Lin Neufeld re Ben Gunn Park – it gets very wet and flooded in the Spring, could wood chips be put there? Veronica replied this has been tried and it doesn't drain well. Discussion ensued about the use of different park spaces: Kevin Pistor- parks being more usable space versus natural areas. Trudy Chatwin understood some were designated green space as opposed to parks. Dave Carter- all have their own access points. Valley: historically they were preserved for wildlife. Gary summarized: agreement to have minimal impact on the trails, hand or rope rails would be useful.
- b) **Street lights:** Bev Jones spoke about how she feels there are not enough street lights and that we need more. A discussion ensued and the following input was made: Robert Dodge- not in favour of more streetlights and people should use bike lights or flashlights. Cate Muir- not in favour, more lights are not good for bats and other wildlife. Lin Neufeld, commented that the newer streetlights are directed down to the street, they would be preferable. Jane Garcia – agreed with Lin, would prefer downward cast lighting. Valley Hennell- against having more

lights, we need darkness and wants to protect night skies. Jurgen Goering- please be aware that some bike and golf cart lights point upwards. Jean Menzies- against having more of them, carry a light if you need more light. Robert Burn- fewer is better. Veronica Z – the fewer the better, she needs dark to sleep and would be in favour of making existing lights direct down. In summary Bev thinks the island is unsafe and we need more lights. Vote was taken, majority not in favour. It was mentioned that the newer downward shining lights are LED – Cate Muir commented that she would not want LED.

- c) **Recycling:** Valley Hennell. Since Nanaimo Recycling Exchange closed, our service is in transition and we are working on a solution. Valley contacted the City Sanitation dept to let them know we have a problem and mentioned that we should have more bins at the harbour in the next while. Valley will post the updates on Facebook , Pro-Isle, and email list. Bev Jones mentioned that Alpne at McGarrigle takes all recycling. Cate said NRE will be re-established, and reminded us of the presentation to the City coming up on Monday at 7pm. Valley suggested emailing Mayor and councillors with your support if you cant attend the meeting. Jurgen pointed out that as a non profit organisation, they truly recycle everything, whereas the businesses only recclle the cost effective items.
- d) **The feeding of wildlife:** Lyn Roberts- people are feeding racoons and wanted to reiterate NOT to feed them as they then become a nuisance. Cate Muir commented that bird feeders attract rats – a bad idea and please use traps not poison. Jurgen Goering- reminder that you can be fined for interfering with wildlife.
- e) **Mud Bay dock fees:** Catherine Eck- fees are due October 1<sup>st</sup>, there is a \$25 reduction if paid in October, and includes a decal – please put it on your boat! Please encourage other users to pay in October. We do not Pro Rate.

**8: Election of new directors:** Veronica Zehntner led the process for nomination and election of the three directors positions. Director's Terms of Office:

Dave Carter, Doug Naylor and Gary Weikum each have 2 years remaining  
Jim Menzies, Jim MacQuarrie both have 1 year remaining  
Kevin Pistor, Jane Garcia and Veronica Zehntner - terms have expired.  
This leaves 3 positions open.

Nominations were then called for from the floor: Veronica Zehntner was nominated by Bev Jones seconded by Bev Carter. Jane Garcia was nominated by Lynne Roberts seconded by Clair Crowe. Kevin Pistor was nominated by Cate Muir seconded by Lin Neufeld

Further nominations were then called from the floor 1st. 2nd. and 3rd time. The above directors were elected by acclamation.

**9: Special Resolutions:** Jim Menzies explained the work he has done to update PINA's constitution. Questions: Bev Carter – re a financial audit what is sufficient? Jim answered- someone outside of the directorship would be asked to do the audit. The current bylaws require a full end to end audit. Valley Hennell thanked Jim for all his hard work on this, and extend her thanks to the whole board. Cate Muir – asked to confirm that an audit had never been done. Jim confirmed that it had not. Gary Weikum read the resolutions: 1: A resolution to replace the existing PINA Constitution with a new

PINA Constitution in compliance with the Societies Act of British Columbia. Gary asked, any debate on proposed constitution or bylaws? Kevin Pistor asked which page numbers related to the first resolution? Jim Menzies answered pages 12 of 26.

Neil Goldsmith moved to pass the resolution, and Valley Hennell seconded, carried.

**2: A resolution to replace the existing PINA Bylaws with new PINA bylaws in compliance with the societies act of British Columbia.** This was found on page 14 through to the end. Lynn Roberts moved to pass this resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Goldsmith, carried.

Cate Muir noted the use of Ratepayers association in the constitution. Jim Menzies answered that he advised not to make other changes aside from the constitution and bylaws. Catherine Eck asked re C 'to own' Jim clarified that we own Mud Bay Dock. Cate- clarifying that this constitution is not missing a statement. Neil Goldsmith clarifying that Page 5 Part 3 did not include the full name of P.I (aka Douglas Island) Jim clarified that it's more important to say what it is we do and most of our work takes place in Nanaimo not on P.I. Cate Muir – would really appreciate the board looking at the wording for next year.

**10: Announcements:** Veronica- dessert auction is June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lyn Roberts, Silly Boat fundraiser for Nanaimo Child Devpt Centre is on tomorrow at the pub. Kevin Pistor mentioned CHLY radio Thursdays 7-8 has Farmer Brown talking about gardening tips. Rick Scott – the museum has two exhibits this summer – the first is about the history of Station 7, the second is the origin of the Dinghy Dock pub. He also invited anyone to help with the archivesection this winter, and they are looking for new members. Cate Muir- island library is open Wednesdays 10-12 Thursdays 10.30-11.30. Peter Frewin – re Blockwatch, please be vigilant as there has been drug paraphernalia found in the parks, especially at Smugglers Park.

**11: Motion to Adjourn** – at 4pm ??