

## **P.I.N.A Board Meeting November 2, 2016**

**1: Call to order:** 7.30. Directors present: Gary Weikum, Veronica Zehntner, Doug Naylor, Dave Carter, Jim MacQuarrie, Jane Garcia, Catherine Eck. Apologies: Jim Menzies, Kevin Pistor

**2: Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Veronica, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Mac , Carried

**3: Approval of the minutes** of October 5, 2016. Catherine moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Mac, Carried

### **4: Matters Arising From the Minutes:**

- a) Mud Bay Survey Preparations: Jim Mac and Gary met with Larry, who informed them that he's no longer able to look after the dock repairs and maintenance. Clarification is needed via the Dock committee to confirm which anchor points have been completed. It was suggested that Kevin and Jim Menzies discuss this with the committee. Dave observed that we need to get the survey done as soon as possible, once the anchoring has been completed.
- b) Web page design. Jim Mac is creating a new website and has researched domain names and costs for hosting. He has put out a call for island service providers to submit information and contact details. Discussion ensued regarding ideas to cover the costs of the website.

### **5: Treasurer's Report:** Veronica Zehntner.

No Activity on the A/C in October but 9 people paid while Catherine was away, the house sitters dropped off the cheques & I issued & delivered decals & have given Catherine a list with the information & the new roll of decals. Catherine reported that 21 decals have been issued so far.

### **6: Roads Report:** Veronica Zehntner

The City's hand tools for road maintenance have been retrieved from Terry Gordon & temporarily stored in the Lions' shed until Roads comes over again possibly in December to do a touch up of the roads which are showing signs of wear with all the rain.

### **7: Parks Committee Report:** Veronica Zehntner

The clean up of Smugglers Park went well on Sun. Oct. 30th. Only 9 people showed up but we accomplished a lot & cleared the Capt. Morgan's side of the park to the pond, hauling out a huge amount of fuel load, the pile was as long as the tennis court. We also did Daphne removal along the trail from the pond to the tennis court, which is bagged for transport to the city.

V I Tree started work on Mon. Oct.31st and had completed all the chipping by yesterday afternoon. The chips were dumped as usual adjacent to the community garden for residents to help themselves and as of this morning they are all gone.

Tree work had to be cancelled today due to the weather but they will return tomorrow to fall the dead tree by the stairs to Pirates Park (leaving a wild life stump as requested) and a 1/2 fallen tree near a resident's property as well as topping an Arbutus on Capt. Morgan's posing a danger to a resident's service line.

In collaborating with DIGS & the Lions, our vision is to keep the parks natural & free of invasive plants and fuel load. To keep access trails open and monitor for dangerous trees near the trails or houses backing onto the parks.

Also to liaise with the Lions Club who have the contract with the City to maintain beach accesses and the developed parks i/e/ Smugglers & Pirates parks.

Motion that the reports be received as presented, moved by Doug, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Carter, Carried.

**8: Correspondence.** None

**9: New Business:**

**a) Bicycle storage and abandoned bicycles in turnaround;** there were some issues raised in the community regarding what appear to be abandoned bikes at the circle. Gary suggested calling a meeting of bicycle owners to discuss, and to call upon bike owners to identify their bikes.

**b) Advanced distribution of PINA Agenda:** Agenda can be posted on our new website

**c) Concerns regarding the cutting of firewood in parks;** Terry Gordon had concerns about firewood being removed from parks. Veronica clarified this issue: Fire wood is distributed by the Lions after the City's arborist or contractor has topped or felled trees in "developed parks" i.e. Smugglers or Pirates. Trees felled or downed in undeveloped parks are generally left to regenerate growth as nurse logs. Some Grand Fir trees in Ben Gunn park have several tops that seem to break off every winter often blocking the beach access trail, as happened last month, so some proactive work to address them might be in order.

**d) Establishment of vision for Island parks:** There was a discussion about having a meeting, facilitated by someone from the City Parks Dept, to establish a vision for the island parks, including usage and access.

**e) Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network:** Doug and Gary attended the last meeting.

**f) Condition of dock head at ferry ramp:** It has been observed that the ramp leading to the ferry, at the dock head appears to be rotting. Dave offered to chat with John and Cheryl to convey the concerns.

**10: Any Other Business:** Dave brought forward the topic of several cars accumulating at the traffic circle that are unlicensed. Bylaws has been informed about the current unlicensed vehicles.

**11: Next Meeting:** Wednesday December 7, 2016

**12: Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Jim Mac, 2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine to adjourn the meeting at 9.21pm