

## **PINA MEETING OCTOBER 14 2020**

**1: Call To Order:** 7.30 pm Directors present: Kevin Pistor, Dave Carter, Doug Naylor, Veronica Zehntner, Jane Garcia. Absent Jim MacQuarrie. Acknowledgement that we are holding this meeting on the ancestral and traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

### **2: a: Adoption of Agenda**

**b: Approval of Minutes of last meeting.** moved Veronica, 2nd Dave, Carried

**3: Appointments to vacancies:** Motion that Dan Bazowski be appointed Director until the next AGM 2021. Dave moved, Veronica 2nd. Carried

Motion that Carole Redstone be appointed Director until the next AGM 2021. Veronica moved, Dave 2nd. Carried.

### **4: Matters Arising from Minutes**

- a) Golf Cart insurance application to consider rebates: the issue is in front of the board and we hope they reinstate that classification. Jim MacQuarre would like to pursue retroactive compensation and he will find out what steps to be taken for this re a presentation.

### **5: Reports:**

**a: President;** acknowledgements: Jim to stand as VP - nominated by Kevin, Veronica 2nd, called twice, three times, hearing no other nominations - Jim is VP.  
Treasurer is the same, Secretary, same.

**b: Treasurer's Report Veronica Zehntner:** Treasurer's Report - Veronica Zehntner

General A/C

No cheques issued

Balance at Sept. 30/20 .....\$1,403

Dock A/C

Chq. issued for circle lease in the amount of 26.25

Chq. " " dock insurance for 1.155.

Cash on hand .....15,687

Reserve .....13,000

Total Balance at Sept. 30/20 .....\$28,687..

Kevin reported the Mud Bay dock committee requests we increase the reserve to \$15,000 this will be reflected in next month's report.

### **c: Roads Report - Veronica Zehntner**

Spoke to Roads foreman in the summer about having blackberries trimmed along boulevards but there was no available labour force.

Discussed the proposed chip seal application which at the moment is planned for the summer of 2022 a year before dust suppression is no longer available.

**d:Parks Report Veronica Zehntner:**

July 23rd. Veronica & Jim MacQuarrie attended the meeting hosted by Fire Smart for the Island's groups, along with Jim Harris & Brenda Henderson of DIGS, Nancy Turner & Barry Elmer as well as Susan Zaric, horticulturist for Nanaimo Parks & Rec. The objectives were to ensure -

1. We are correct in our approach i.e. pruning, cleanup and replanting.
2. Ecologically appropriate - consult with biologists and botanists.
3. That the plan be socially acceptable

Also discussed:-

Identifying priority areas and work needed and maximizing time management and City funding.

- PINA & DIGS agreed to postpone planned clean up of Capt. Hook Park as public accesses are all closed off at present and to target instead, Elizabeth/Flint Park to combine labour and resources (barging of chipper) with Fire Smart group and hopefully another bin for invasives courtesy of the Fire Dept.
- Susan Zaric of Nanaimo Parks noted the bin was a great idea and that the City is working with Milner Gardens on an appropriate way to dispose of invasive plants.
- Black squirrels will become (or are) an issue - Susan to speak with the appropriate person at the City.
- The project outline for Elizabeth/Flint Park is to prune and remove dead branches on Douglas fir to 6 ft. prune and remove dead Ocean Spray and remove invasive daphne & ivy and replace with native Oregon grape.
- It was noted that many parks are narrow and surrounded by houses so we must be mindful of what is replanted after dead or invasive plants are removed. The area in Hidden Treasure Park adjacent to Trillium Trail needs invasive removal and replanting, such as Oregon grape, salal & cherry and dogwood trees with caging against deer.
- PINA again requested a survey of public accesses for Hidden Treasure Park and Capt. Hook Park and provided Susan with a map highlighting the accesses. We have been asking Parks for the Hidden Treasure Park survey for 3 1/2 years & Capt. Hook for nearly 2, hopefully the new Parks management will proceed with our request.
- Fire Smart then announced planned future meetings and consultation with immediate neighbours around Hidden Treasure & Elizabeth/Flint parks for their input.

Tues Oct. 6th PINA & DIGS attended the Elizabeth/Flint Park neighbours' meeting. After some lengthy discussions on unrelated issues, a tour took place to explain exactly what we are dealing with and the plan going forward, which was well received.

PINA volunteers have been working all summer doing daphne removal, now more people are volunteering to pick away at it until the big cleanup work party on Nov. 1st.

The chipper will be here on Mon. Nov. 2nd. and Parks and the Fire Dept. are scraping up additional funds to supply a bin for invasive plants which will be located at the dog park.

We had to move the location of the chip dumping to the dog park as the wires are now too low beside the community garden for the truck to clear since the maple tree fell on them.

The fall chipping program has now evolved from the original fuel load and invasive removal. Parks and the Fire Dept. are now fully engaged and in collaboration with joint funding.

Discussion ensued and the Board agreed that it is appropriate for PINA to step back to a supportive role and let the Fire Smart group take the lead in liaising and coordinating this program with the City.

**e:Mud Bay Dock** Kevin Pistor: There is \$15000 in the reserve fund. The base rate is \$300 with work party contribution - discount of \$100 (for 2 x half days work) and early bird discount of \$25. The budget for 2021 includes the concrete pad to anchor the new dock from GallowsPoint.

**f:Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network:** No updates at this time.

**6: Correspondence:** Chris Schofield had been in touch regarding the Reimagine Nanaimo meeting, this is to take place October 20 online at 7.15

**7: New Business:** Discussion ensued surrounding topics of conversation for Reimagine Nanaimo - keeping the idea for a ramp access downtown at Wellcox lands, and the idea of the downtown boat basin lease being a City/First Nations co venture. Both to secure perpetual City access for islanders, as well as an important link for island transportation.

**8: Any Other Business:** Spyglass Lookout development/permit application. Discussion ensued about recent application but it was decided no further action necessary from PINA at this time.

**9: Constitution Update** . None

**10: Next Meeting** Wednesday November 4, 2020. Beacon House

**11: Announcements:** None

**12: Motion to Adjourn:** Doug moved, 2nd Dave, 8.55pm