

## **PINA Board Meeting February 3, 2021**

**1:Call to Order:** 7.38 Directors present; Kevin Pistor, Doug naylor, Jane Garcia, Dave Carter, Veronica Zehntner, Dan Bazowski, Jim MacQuarrie. Regret Carol Redston.

**2: a Adoption of Agenda.** Add item 6 to agenda

**b Approval of minutes** of December 2, 2020 meeting. Veronica moved, Dave 2nd Carried

### **3: Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### **4: Reports:**

**a: President's Report,** Kevin- discussion regarding this year's AGM- Veronica suggested holding it outside in July at the dog park, with people attending in their golf carts. Gillian Bigl has expressed interest in joining the board- Kevin will contact her and invite her to our next meeting.

**b: Treasurer's report** Veronica Zehntner

General A/C

No cheques issued

Balance at Jan. 31/21 .....\$1,190

Dock A/C

Chq. issued in amount of \$115.65 for R&M

" " " " 3,065.80 for NPA lease

Additional dock dues rec'd \$2,135

Cash on Hand \$17,847

Reserve \$15,000

Total Balance at Jan. 31/21 .....\$32,847

**c: Roads** Veronica Zehntner

Kudos to the "P. I. Pot Hole Crew" Jim MacQuarrie & Gary Weikum who did a very professional job on our roads with the loan of Mike Lamoureux's power tamper, which he kindly shipped over. We are all very appreciative.

Received complaints and concerns regarding the mess on the boulevards and triangles from mid Colvilleton Trl to Snow Ball Hill (Pirates/Silvers) from vehicles driving carelessly. and leaving deep ruts.

The triangle @ Colvilleton/Pirates by the mail boxes is almost obliterated and will probably not recover.

1/3 of the triangle at Pirates Place is gone. Deep ruts also plowed into the blvd. beside mail boxes perpendicular to the road and the same thing further down Colvilleton.

Discussion ensued, suggested we place short cones or pegs with red tape to demark the triangles. Jim MacQuarrie to draft a notice reminding drivers to avoid driving off the road especially with all the wet weather and soft ground.

**D Parks** Veronica Zehntner

We are working with the Lions to have a boardwalk built on the section of trail in Ben Gunn Park where the annual winter stream floods it. Rick Biller has already put in the request to the City as well as for more rubber matting for the boardwalk beach access between 102 & 104 Pirates Ln. which is extremely slippery. The Lions has offered to purchase and install the matting and be reimbursed later as they did the last time in order to speed up the process. They also requested riprap for Pirates Park where we installed the temporary sand bags in 2019. Stay tuned.

### **E Mud Bay Dock Kevin Pistor**

The piling close to the shore needs to be stabilised with anchors and chains. Re the dock from Gallows- the pre cast wharf and float are ready to go but this has been delayed due to the contractor being up in Port Hardy.

**F: NNN-** City's summary report NTR

**G: Other- i Constitution Update** (no report)

**ii Postal Service** to island Jim MacQuarrie: Jim spoke to Kevin Shiers at the P.O the issue is the increased volume of packages, and they are not brought over here. Jim to write to Canada Post in Ottawa to voice concerns.

**iii Shaw Cable Service** Dan Bazowski

I've had continued dialogue with Shaw Cable through the Nanaimo Service Manager. I sought clarification as to why discounts such as bundling and loyalty cannot be applied to customers on Protection Island. It was explained to me that the old billing system that we have on Protection Island is not technologically capable of applying these types of discounts as they are integrated into the newer billing system which we can only get through fibre-optics.

With respect to the confusion that usually results when we call for service or technical support, it was re-enforced that customers need to make reference to Pipe / Atlas / Protection Island which is an online resource that Shaw employees have access to that will sufficiently describe our unique situation and help to avoid the frustrating confusion that we often suffer though.

Both the Shaw Regional Manager and the Nanaimo Service Manager expressed that they very much value the Protection Island Customers and they try to provide the best service they can, given the technical issues. Without fibre-optics there is little they can do locally to address the issues and the cost of fibre-optics is prohibitive to Shaw in a business sense. They did point out that we at least have internet speed of 75 while other island communities with larger population bases have internet speeds of 5 or 10. I've reached out to Connected Coast to determine if there is any possibility of tapping in to their project and adding Protection Island to their list of communities that will be linked by fibre-optic. I've been advised that the "backbone" of that network will be passing through here this summer and that time-lines for us to obtain funding, permits, on-shore structures, is likely prohibitive at this point. It was explained that other communities received Provincial and/or Federal funding for this project based on their lack of access to internet or very slow sub-standard internet speeds. Protection Island, already with an internet speed of 75 would not have received much consideration for funding. Nonetheless, I've asked Connected Coast to consider our situation and to advise us as to the feasibility of connecting us, ie. timelines, and cost. I hope to hear back from them within the next several days but I'm not hopeful on the result.

**Iv City "social grants" NTR**

**5 Correspondence:** Jim to post/archive City's summary report from NNN to our website

**6: New Business:** Neighbourhood Safety Audit. It was decided this doesn't pertain to Pi and other neighbourhoods would need this more.

**7: Next Meeting.** March 3

**8: Announcements** NTR

**9: Motion to Adjourn** 8.16pm Veronica moved, Dave 2nd Carried