

Minutes of special meeting, Sunday, May 16, 2021

1 pm at the Community Garden

Directors Present: Kevin Pistor, Jim McQuarrie, Veronica Zehntner, Dave Carter, Doug Naylor, Gillian Bigl, Carol Redston (regrets: Jane Garcia)

Agenda: Single item regarding PINA's position on property owners in violation of by-laws.

Points raised during discussion:

- Last meeting was rushed.
- Directors felt that more discussion was needed and that more time to reflect on the presentation should have been given.
- Concern over long presentation and there should have been a limit (usually 10 minutes)
- There was some confusion and differing opinions expressed on what the intent of the motion was.
- Concern over PINA's role regarding violations of by-laws here on the island.
- Veronica gave a brief history of subject property for the benefit of newer members.

Motion: moved Veronica, seconded Dave

That the previous motion regarding surveying the Island Residents with regards to by-law infractions (see previous minutes for wording) be rescinded. Passed unanimously

New strategy/approach: consensus reached (no motion)

Dave and Doug, with Jim as an alternate, will meet with City By-law representative and the Port of Nanaimo representative to discuss in a broad (philosophical) way their approaches to by-law infractions and enforcement. They will report back to the Executive and the earliest opportunity following these meetings.

While PINA has not often initiated by-law complaints, there is a history of supporting residents who are complaining of by-law infractions on neighbouring properties that have a safety issue for the greater neighbourhood (ie. Sewage leaks, garbage disposal, boulevard safety, unlicensed or uninsured vehicles) and/or have a negative impact on property values or enjoyment of properties (ie. Illegal camping, trailers). While a proactive approach is preferred, PINA does recognize the importance of by-laws in providing some level of protection for residents against illegal actions and some recourse for residents when their neighbour's actions negatively impact on the enjoyment of their properties or on the enjoyment of the public parks (shared lands).

Motion to Adjourn Moved by Veronica, seconded by Jim.