

Protection Island Rate Payers Association Meeting  
8 March 2010, 7 p.m.  
Beacon House

## NOTES

**Board Members In attendance:** David Essig (President), Linda Irvine, Michael MacColl, Fred Schloessinger, Cathy Tuominen, Veronica Zehntner.

**Apologies:** Fred Schloessinger (Vice-President), Josephine Kenchenten, Brenda Henderson, Thora Howell.

**Guests:** Don McQueen (community roads) & Shieu Yab

Notes taken by Linda Irvine

1. Opening Remarks: David made opening remarks.
2. Agenda: approved, with changes, by consensus.
3. Previous Minutes approved with minor change.

4. Guests

Shieu Yab made a presentation to the Board stressing the need for respect for ethnic background and culture. She thanked Islanders for their support.

Don Mc Queen reported on his meeting walking the island roads with Tom Hickey, Brian Denbigh and Veronica Zehntner. He will continue to work with Brian Denbigh, Manager of Traffic, Roads & Safety and with Gary Davenport, Roads Foreman.. A detailed plan for each of the 24 identified problem sites is expected in early April. The city will be asked to hire a local islander contractor to maintain the roads with a requirement to conduct weekly road maintenance and interim trimming of verges with a "weed-wacker" or ride-on mower. Cutting of verges with large machines would be suspended.

5. Director's Reports

- a. Access - Michael McColl: no report
- b. Community Relations – Linda Irvine: nothing significant
- c. Parks - Cathy Tuominen: nothing significant
- d. Treasurer – Veronica Zehntner: 31 people have paid dock fees to date according to Veronica's records
- e. Fire & Emergency - Veronica Zehntner: no report
- f. Planning & Govt Relations – David Essig: see below

6. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

- a. Roads – Don McQueen: see above
- b. Vehicles viz Police presence on Island: Veronica Zehntner & Don McQueen met with RCMP regarding uninsured vehicles on Saturday 6 March. Friendly reminder notices will be available on bulletin boards for islanders to use for speeding vehicles.
- c. Motion to change name and focus of PIRA – David Essig: David spoke with a lawyer regarding changing the name to Protection Island Community Association or Protection Island Neighbourhood Association. A decision information package

will be presented prior to the AGM on Sunday 27 June 2010. The change requires 70% approval from those voting at the AGM in person or by proxy.

7. New Business

- a. Dog-Off Leash Area – Linda Irvine: a fenced dog-off- leash area in the field below Beacon House will be discussed at the May 8, 2010 Community Forum on Parks in order to get a sense of community support before proceeding with this plan.
- b. Recycling Depot – Linda Irvine: in order to encourage and facilitate island recycling, in addition to the service offered by Bob Lawson, Michael MacColl will approach the Port Authority to locate a Mixed Recycling Bin in the Boat Basin area.
- c. Clunk Away – Veronica Zehntner: Veronica is organizing an opportunity to remove unused and unnecessary vehicles from the island at a very reduced price – Clunker Removal. This would include cars, trucks and golf carts. Please contact Veronica at 250-754-6759 if interested in participating.
- d. Vision Statement – Thora Howell & Linda Irvine: Jennifer Cluff has illustrated the Protection Island Vision Statement. The Board has agreed to produce small posters to be used at all meetings to keep the vision statement central to all discussions.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Community Forum Docks & Access: Saturday 27 March 2010, 1:30 pm

PIRA Meeting (monthly): Monday 12 April, 7 p.m.

Community Forum on Parks: Saturday 8 May 2010, 1:30 p.m.

AGM: Sunday 27 June, 2010