

**Date:** 7:30 PM August 9, 2007  
**Location:** St Philomena's Church Hall  
**Subject:** Minutes of the HIRA Board of Directors Meeting

**Attendance:**

Roger Scott-Taggart, Geoff Hobbs, Gary Hall, Faye Muller, Gary Nichol, Brian Humphrys, Terry Botten

Regrets-Lisa Webb

**Discussion:**

**ACTION**

The Agenda was adopted as presented

Minutes of June 30, 2007 meeting as revised were accepted

The Board received the report prepared by Food & Agriculture regarding how to re-vitalize former rural lands-Brian will copy and distribute to board members for discussion at next meeting

Brian

HIRA will speak to Carol Dwyer re setting up an account for copies, etc. to allow HIRA to pay for services monthly

Geoff

Land for sale by Township near Foot Ferry appears to have been sold. Details not confirmed as yet.

It was decided that HIRA should write to council re the request to allow heavy trucks on the ferry during prime hours. This request is in conflict with work done last year to speed up ferry service for all island residents.

Roger

It was discussed that one of the key goals of HIRA is to communicate issues of importance to all members rather than taking a stand on every issue. In some cases, though, it may decide to take a stand and will communicate it as such.

Roger/Terry

HIRA will write a letter to the Mayor and the county CAO to determine the status of the Foot Ferry running in the winter and the plan to secure funding from MTO.

Brian/Gary N

It was discussed that the Mayor has declared removal of area rating as a priority. His "what if" scenarios attached to the budget lowered taxes on Wolfe and not on Howe.

It was decided that HIRA should write to the mayor to ask him how area rating would impact Howe.

Brian/Geoff

HIRA to ask council to post their meeting agenda on the website before council meets.

Geoff

The membership drive will take place at the re-cycling area for the next few weeks to sign new members and to renew existing ones. We should have a summary showing what HIRA has accomplished to date and to update it regularly. Faye to coordinate schedule.

Faye

Robert Hall to be contacted re website maintenance

Gary H

Gerry Ross to be re-scheduled for website training

Roger

Status of incorporation documents for HIRA to be checked.

Terry

A motion was made that HIRA does not support specific charities financially but will support island projects such as Terry Fox or Muscular Dystrophy on a non-financial basis.

HIRA decided to pursue a way of giving kudos to those residents who volunteer their time on behalf of all islanders. To be discussed at next meeting.

All

It was suggested that HIRA look at a way of drawing a map of the island that would be used by delivery people, etc. to ease deliveries, etc. to the homes of residents.

Geoff

It was also suggested that HIRA produce a directory of all businesses that are represented by island residents. This will be investigated and determined if it is viable and if the listing will be free or fee-based.

Geoff

Meeting adjourned 9:55 PM