

HOWE ISLAND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
28 October 2013

1 The meeting was called to order at 7: 00 pm.

Present: Ed Beseau, Gary Hall, Jim Taugher, Jim Mills, Brian Humphrys

Absent: Austin Page, Kim Nossal, Doug Harpell

Guests: Peter Tucker, David Jones, Terry Botten, Joanne Goodfriend, Greg Dowling

2 The agenda was adopted.

3 The minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, 30 September 2013, were approved.

4 Business arising from the 30 September meeting:

Regarding the replacement ferry service, we concurred that the service was much better than anticipated, and Jim Mills wrote a letter of appreciation to Paul Charbonneau, with copies to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, etc.

Jim Mills brought forward a second survey study report. The first survey, conducted in January, 2007 was successful with 207 replies and resulted in keeping the Township ferry running all winter. The new survey will be distributed to all Islanders and available on the HIRA website.

5 Treasurer's report: Gary Hall reported cash on hand \$30.10, money in the bank \$2, 891.05, for a total of \$2, 921.15.

6 The current paid membership was reported at 102 households.

7 Ferry and Transportation update:

Davis Jones advised that the transportation study, initiated by HIRA, and deemed by the Board as not effective, was a tool that could be utilized by HIRA. Brian Humphries is preparing a questioning letter to Council, asking for a written reply. It was also noted that the "bull winch" system was not installed during the outage as there were no bidders for the project. David Jones advised that Council is looking into restrictions related to propane trucks and also the weight restrictions on the County Ferry. Are the restriction related to the ferry or the ramps?

8 Fire truck update:

The replacement pumper, appropriately named in honour of Gary Reid, is now in service.

9 Gary Hall reported that the website has been updated with HIRA board and committee members, board minutes, transportation study, etc.

10 Consultant's report on waste/recycling:

There was significant discussion, but no conclusions. This report, which was funded by a grant, will be put on the back burner.

11 Chairman Ed Beseau will write a letter of thanks to Pat Norris for his many years of service to islanders. A nomination process for islanders to stand for this vacant post will be finalized by Council selecting the candidate.

12 Next HIRA board meeting:

Monday, 25 November 2013, 7 p.m. at St. Philomena's Hall

13 The meeting was terminated at 8:40 pm.