

Minutes of

BIM NATIONAL PARK COMMITTEE

Saturday, January 16, 2010

At 10:00 a.m.

Municipal Hall

Attending: Nerys Poole (chair), Bob Turner, Doug Hooper

1. Fact-finding Committee

Committee will contact various community groups/organizations to ask for a nominee (ToR for the National Park Committee provide for establishment of fact-finding committee). Individuals who do not represent an organization will also be considered.

Committee will inform Council of final make-up of fact-finding committee. Councillors will also be invited to participate in fact finding committee if they are interested.

Nerys to contact Chamber, Eco-Alliance and Conservancy

Doug to contact Arts Council, Fire Chief, and Greenways

Bob to contact Improvement Association, Bowen Community Housing Ass and an island developer

FOLLOW UP –

- Nerys to send email to Council to ask for any further suggestions from Councillors for members of fact-finding committee.
 - Committee members to contact above-noted groups and request nominees.
2. Draft report expected to be sent by mid-January. To date, has not arrived. Nerys will receive and circulate to all Council (will pose question to PC as to public nature of this draft and if not public at this time, whether or not we may provide a brief summary at a Council meeting. Depending on content and comments in draft report, a draft resolution will come to Council as to next steps (e.g. endorsement for moving forward or no further steps taken and possible request for additional funding to support fact finding tour and public information meeting on Bowen)

3. Planning for tour to Gulf Islands – tentative date (subject to timing of receipt of PC draft report) is **March 11 to 13 (Th to Sat)** with plans to visit both Saturna and Pender and requests for billeting to keep costs low

4. NEXT STEPS:

- Receive draft report and circulate to Council members. As draft, Committee expects this to be treated as confidential until final report received.
- Develop a communications plan – public meeting, etc.

NEXT MEETING: scheduled tentatively for **6:45 pm to 7:15 pm, Monday, February 1, 2010.**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.
