



# PIID Buildings & Land Improvements

## Annual Report

### June 2022

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**TRUSTEE & CHAIR: JULIEN BAHAIN**

### Introduction

The PIID AGM is a great opportunity for the community to get together and to report on the various portfolios and projects from the past 12 months. But more importantly, this is a moment where we can acknowledge and recognize the work and volunteers that support our small island. As always, I like to start by thanking all the volunteers who make it happen on a daily basis so that we can all enjoy life on Piers.

### Chair Report

It has been a pleasure to serve as PIID Chair this year. It takes a team to accomplish all the PIID duties and I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the PIID Trustees and Officers who have made my job easier: Velvet, Brent, Monique, and Doug. Thank you for your support and guidance.

As mentioned in the introduction, Piers Island would be a different place without volunteers. We have fire protection because of volunteers. We have clean drinking water because of volunteers. We have emergency response services because of volunteers. We have access to infrastructure because of volunteers. We have parking and a boat ramp access because of volunteers. We have efficient governance because we self-administer with volunteers. We have affordable taxes because of volunteers. Most of us do not know the multitude of tasks that a handful of volunteers take on to run the basic operations on the Island on a daily basis. I will take this opportunity today to ask each and every one of you, if you don't do it already, to consider volunteering your time to support PIID operations.

We have talked about creating a Volunteer Coordinator position to help with sharing the load, identifying gaps, providing Islanders with tasks and positions that are available as well as planning for the future and anticipating the need for volunteers.

I will formally get a call out today for a Volunteer Coordinator. The role will include:

- Working with the Trustees, Officers, and Fire Chief to identify positions;
- Draft descriptions including role and responsibilities;
- Managing a web-based platform where positions will be posted and available to all;  
and
- Connect with Islanders to fill in positions.

It will be a great way to interact with new and long-time Islanders. Thanks for considering this opportunity.

### Buildings report

Our building infrastructure is in great conditions thanks to the hard work and dedication of our team. I would like to acknowledge all the volunteers who donated funds, time and helped along the way. In April 2022, the Trustees passed a motion to change the washroom signs at the Fire Hall to have gender neutral washrooms. This small step towards a more inclusive access to our infrastructure is a great opportunity to support our community in line with government's initiatives and guidelines. The new signs will be installed in the coming weeks.



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## Reservoirs & Lands report

Nothing to report over the past 12 months.

## Dolphin Road Compound report

Bylaw 133 was passed in November 2021. A multi-phased approach was taken to implement the changes. Thank you all for your patience and cooperation. In February 2022, all boat trailers permanently stored in the Compound were moved and the area was regraded to remove the organic build up. On April 30, 2022, we transitioned to FOB access only for the vehicle gate. Discussions will need to be reopened regarding the ramp gate and how to best proceed. Access remains unsecured. Over the past year, we have seen an increased number of thefts and security issues at the Swartz Bay Dock as well as on Barnacle Road. Solutions may include security cameras and new ramp gate to increase security in the Compound.

The EV Select Committee has started working on long term solutions for EV charging opportunities in the Compound. More will be shared with Islanders as technical solutions are being put together.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, a lot has been done over the past 12 months. Our infrastructure is in great shape overall. Nothing would be possible without the cooperation of Islanders and the support we get from volunteers making these projects affordable for all. Thanks again to all our volunteers and to our PIID team.

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