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Re: Data Storage and Website Refresh & Changes

About three months ago Graham Gilley, provider of IT services to the PIID for the past 18 years, spoke with Brent Schorr about technical difficulties they experienced with SYNC's data storage system. He recommended that the PIID and PIA should consider moving from SYNC to a new provider and at the same time think about our website.

Graham gave a presentation to the PIA on July 11, 2024, (which all three PIID Trustees attended), after which he recommended that both organizations consider Microsoft 365 or Google Workspace as a possible replacement data storage provider. The PIID followed up with Graham and subsequently, both the PIID and PIA in early September, at respective meetings, chose to move ahead with Google Workspace. Since that time Graham has also advised that it would be beneficial to move our website currently hosted on Weebly to Google at the same time.

Our move from SYNC to Google will take place within the next month and at the same time, will be moving the current website seamlessly to Google as well. It would make sense for the PIA to move from SYNC to Google Workspace at the same time.

The refresh of the website will take place after the move, allowing for more time to consult and plan what that will look like. The PIID, as owner of piersisland.ca, will continue to offer the PIA the ability to host on the site. Cara Hogan as the PIID Corporate Administrator will be named as the Webmaster.

Our two organizations will need to put a formal framework together as it relates to the following:

1. Agreement between the PIID as owner of the website and the ability of the PIA to be hosted on it.
2. Email addresses for the PIA executives.
3. Who will lead and be involved in the refresh and reorganization of the website.
4. Cost of PIA executive email addresses. (To be determined whether cost, if any, will require repayment).

The PIID Webmaster may consider individual access agreements to specific areas of the website. For example: Fire Smart and EP updates, PIA events, Wood list, etc. This would be done during and upon the completion of the reorganization and refresh.

We look forward to working collaboratively with the PIA at what promises to be a step forward in our ability to work together on behalf of our Piers Island community.

Sincerely,



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