

Island Advisory Council Meeting of February 18, 2009

Location: CBITD Meeting Room at 4PM – 5PM

Present: Mike Murray, Island Liaison; Dave Pendleton, Fireboat Captain; Cliff Island, Little Diamond Island and Peaks Island: Rob Tiffany

An update on the annual Deer management program was provided with 11 deer taken from Cushing, 9 from Peaks and 3 from Cliff. The program has ended on Peaks and Cushing and will end shortly on Cliff Island.

The new fireboat is currently due for completion and arrival in May. It is the same length as the current fireboat so berthing is not seen as a problem. There has been some slippage in the schedule due to some design changes being made while in the building process. The Cavallaro will remain in service once the new fireboat is delivered.

There has been no movement either way by the current owners to take down the former Jordan's Meats building and create a surface parking area which would have a capacity of between 70-100 vehicles. Further details such as confirmation of this, capacity and pricing hopefully will be available over the coming months so it could be available this summer.

Bids have gone out for a new road mower to be used by the islands in keeping the roads clear of underbrush growth.

In the area of City finances, Mike Murray reported that non tax revenues (building permits, excise taxes, trash bag income) remain down from last year. The budgeting process will begin next week. Details are not yet available on what funding will be available for Portland's use arising from the recently passed economic stimulus package.

Rob Tiffany  
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