

**FIRA Special Executive Meeting
Property Sale Discussion
November 19, 2020**

In Attendance

President: Andy Valickis
Vice President: Bill Odell
Past President: Glenn Smith
Treasurer: Joe DiFrancesco
Secretary: Carrie DiFrancesco
Member-at-large: Lynn Yake
Member-at-large: Wayne MacKenzie

Property Acquisition:

After a lengthy discussion on how to proceed with determining a decision on whether or not FIRA should purchase the land our hall sits on, here are the highlights for current status and plan of action:

~ With COVID restrictions limiting the extent of legal practices, we are still waiting on answers to some questions posed to our attorney before the lockdown. We will follow-up in early 2021 pending the status of COVID restrictions.

~ We do not yet have a formal offer from the Municipality detailing their terms for the proposed sale of the property. Andy will follow-up in 2021 when we are ready to address.

~ Once we have a documented offer and further legal opinion, we would seek to hold a public meeting to discuss all of the details with FIRA members. We would also invite our Ward Representative, the Mayor & Deputy Mayor to this meeting to explain their offer, reasoning and answer member questions. COVID limitations may impact timing of this event.

~ In the meantime, Andy is working on a draft pros and cons document for FIRA members to review and consider before the public meeting, as well as any other terms and conditions the Board feels should be incorporated into a sale agreement. After the public meeting with Dysart officials, FIRA will hold a private general member meeting for discussion. Based on the outcome of those meetings, a summary of pros and cons will be produced and a decision will be made on a process to proceed with a member vote on the issue.

FIRA going forward:

- * Lynn Yake pointed out this would be a good time to try and increase the level of active participation of members, especially as we hopefully come further out of COVID restrictions. Reviewing member participation in events and programs, the propane fixed price program currently has the broadest member participation of all our programs. Now is a good opportunity to evaluate FIRA's demographics and community role and look for opportunities to bring more activities and social value to our broader membership.
- * Along similar lines, a letter was received from Irene Odell requesting that we discuss ways to make the hall more enticing and functional for increased activity and do so with more input from members.
- * The board agreed for the creation of a member committee to address this endeavor.
- * Carrie will send an announcement in early 2021 asking any members interested in being on this new committee to contact Carrie.

Miscellaneous:

Hydro outage: Hydro was out for a few days earlier this week. The temperature got down to 42F in the building. Wayne is going to investigate the wattage and cost of a generator for any future outings - emergency protection.

Hydro lines coming into the building has growth that may start interfering with the wires. We discussed and agreed to have tree contractor come in to trim or remove branches/trees. Dan Kay knows someone who contracts with Hydro to do trim work and the Kelly's recently had work done so Wayne will contact them.

Plowing: Since Dan Kay has reduced the number of places he will plow this winter, we weren't sure if he would continue for FIRA. Carrie contacted Dan and he will continue to plow for us this year. The board will express their sincere appreciation to Dan for providing this valuable service.