



**Annual General Meeting
April 26, 2025
1:00 p.m.
Forbes Hall Community Centre**

Chair/President: Ann Dickie
Secretary: Teresa Moore

Treasurer: Ron Bannister
Nomination Chair: Wendy Hinsperger

1. Call to Order at 1:02 p.m. Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgments: President Ann Dickie welcomed the members and reviewed the agenda noting the three voting items - the bylaw changes, the fee increase and the addition of two board positions - as well as the election of board members to fill vacant positions.
2. Quorum confirmed.
3. No additions to Agenda
 - a. Motion to adopt the agenda. Carried
4. Motion to accept the 2024 AGM minutes. Carried.
5. Treasurer's Report – Ron Bannister
 - a. Ron reviewed the 2024 Financial Statement. He noted that at the end of 2024 the debt for the build was down to \$25,000 and has since been repaid. Also, there is no longer reserve fund accounting. Motion to accept Financial Statement moved by Ron Bannister. Carried. The 2024 Financial Statement is attached.
 - b. The 2025 Operations budget was presented. Ron noted that the projected expenses in the budget have been reduced as there is no longer an interest expense for the loans. Ron was asked why TICA purchases water. He explained that the well water has high levels of substances which make it unpotable and would require too much treatment to be potable. Rainwater is not potable and would also require an extensive treatment system. The options are to have the water delivered or to treat either the well water or the rainwater. It much easier to purchase water.
 - c. It was noted that there are still a few areas that need attention such as the watershed upgraded and an equipment storage space on the tennis court. Ron has budgeted \$7500 for work. TICA's 2025 Operations Budget is attached.

6. President's Report – Ann Dickie

- a. Ann reported that in 2024 the TICA board was focused entirely on paying down the debt. Other small projects were addressed but the main emphasis was on debt reduction. As Ron stated in his financial report, we accomplished this in January 2025 when the last \$25,000 loan was repaid. Ann offered a huge and sincere Thank You to everyone who helped achieve this goal. See her full report attached.

7. Bylaw changes (Vote: Special Resolution – 2/3 to pass)

- a. Ann noted that the TICA board has reviewed the current bylaws and propose several changes which address language, accuracy and updating to current practices. Eight separate sections of the bylaws were targeted for change. Each change was voted on separately and each was passed. See attached report.

8. Membership Fee Increase (Vote – Simple Majority)

- a. The TICA board requested a membership fee increase effective January 2026. The rationale for this is to start building a capital reserve for the future Hall improvements and/or replacements.
- b. Motion: that the TICA membership fees be increased effective January 2026 to Individual or Legacy members from \$53 to \$60 and Household memberships from \$100 to \$120.
- c. Moved by Ron Bannister: motion approved

9. Increase in Board from 7 to 9 directors (Vote – Simple majority)

- a. The TICA bylaws state that: *The number of directors shall be 7 or a greater number determined from time to time at a general meeting.* As the board is no longer focused on debt repayment, directors would like to bring in two new Directors-at-Large with the specific portfolios of (1) Child Activities and (2) Environment. These individuals would work with community members interested in these areas and bring ideas and suggestions to the board for approval or action. If approved, the board will work to recruit interested and motivated individuals to take on these tasks. They will not be voted on at this meeting.
- b. Motion: that the TICA board be increased from seven to nine directors.
- c. Moved by Ann Dickie: motion approved.

10. Committee Reports All reports are attached.

- a. Health Services – Ann Dickie
 - Ann presented the report prepared by Chair Michelle Sutter who couldn't attend the meeting. The mandate is to strive to provide Health Care services on Thetis thus avoid having to travel off-island. Ann listed all the services now available at the Hall. See the complete report attached.
- b. Food Services – Ann Dickie
 - Ann and Don Sinclair oversaw over a dozen events and meetings requiring food services. A lot of volunteers are responsible for the success of this committee. Don's report lists the events and the volunteers involved. His report is attached.
- c. Merchandise – Ellen Rush
 - Ellen noted that although she is the Art Committee she gets incredible assistance from Marjan Jackman and Keith Rush at events such as the Canada

Day Breakfast, Book & Bake Sale and the Christmas Fair. She reported that TICA produced a calendar for the second year and all 125 copies were sold. She noted that TICA received hundreds of photos and many of them that weren't used in the calendar are on display in the Hall. Ellen's full report is attached.

- d. Communication & Engagement (CEC) – Ellen Rush
 - The CEC includes Ellen, Don Sinclair, Ann Dickie and Teresa Moore. The committee determines what information TICA needs to impart to the community and how best to do this whether through e-Spokes, the Quarterly, the Bulletin or other methods. Committee members enjoyed their work during the Hall expansion and their focus now is on the expanded programs and activities offered at the Hall.
- e. Art – Ellen Rush
 - Ellen and Carol Sowerby are the Art Committee. Their job is to source pieces of art from local residents for display in the Hall. She named the people who have donated artwork in 2024. This list is included in the attached Art Committee report.
- f. Garden – Carolyn Askew
 - Carolyn and Don Sinclair head up the Garden Committee. Carolyn presented Don's report prepared which listed all the volunteers who look after the garden. They are looking for more volunteers to assist. Don's report is attached.
- g. Library -Celine Valestrand
 - Celine thanked Laural Marsh who oversees the Friends of the Library, the volunteer library assistants who serve tea and treats in the library every week. She noted that the library catalogue can be accessed through forbeshall.ca/library.
- h. Quarterly – Teresa Moore
 - Teresa presented Veronica Shelford's report on the activities of the Quarterly and also her request for volunteers to get involved. Teresa pointed out that the Quarterly is 35 years old this year and the next issue will be issue # 139 meaning that in 35 years, we've never missed an issue of the magazine. Quite a feat for a volunteer publication. Veronica's report is attached.

11. Report from TICA appointee to the Thetis Island Community Fund – Tricia Hunter

- a. Tricia announced the August 9 annual Family Fun Day. Chad Kerr, Lynn Hunter and Ryan Sharp stepped down from the board and Tricia thanked them for their work. Two new board members joined, Wendy Hinsperger (Treasurer) and Sahir Avani (Director). There is still one vacancy on the board.
- b. Tricia reported income and disbursements and thanked the community for their ongoing generosity.
- c. Income, disbursements and account balances are all listed in Tricia's report which is attached.

12. Appointment of appointees to the Thetis Island Community Fund

- a. Ann Dickie announced that the board appointees to the Community Fund for 2025-27 are Trish Hunter and Sahir Advani.

13. Election of Directors:

- a. Ann reported Vice-President Don Sinclair has resigned from that position due to the demands of the Membership Chair role he also has on the executive. Upon his resignation the VP position become open, and the board appointed him Director-at-Large to fill a position that has been vacant since the 2024 AGM.
- b. Wendy Hinsperger, Nomination Chair, proceeded with the election of the VP, Secretary and two Directors-at-Large.
- c. Election results: There being no nominations from the floor and only four nominations for those positions, all nominees were elected by acclamation:

Vice-President: Jamie Hayward
Secretary: Teresa Moore
Director-at-Large: Marjan Jackman
Director-at-Large: Ellen Rush

14. The 2025 TICA Board of Directors:

- President – Ann Dickie
- Vice-President – Jamie Hayward
- Treasurer – Ron Bannister
- Secretary – Teresa Moore
- Directors-at-Large
 - Marjan Jackman
 - Ellen Rush
 - Don Sinclair

15. Questions from the floor

16. There being no questions from the floor the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Teresa Moore
Secretary
Thetis Island Community Association
April 30, 2025