

M.I.P.R.C. Minutes – October 12, 2011

October meeting of MIPRC was held at the Library on Wednesday, October 12; called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present: Peter Askin (chair) Jerry Wise Jerry Betker Doug Johnston
Liz Howard Kathie Warning
Absent: Anny Scoones Alan Guy
Visitors: Rob Underhill, Ann Johnston, Bill Warning from Mayne Island Conservancy

1. **Approval of Agenda: (Motion)** Moved by Liz, seconded by Jerry Wise that the Agenda be adopted. Motion carried.
2. **Special Presentation by Rob Underhill (Stewardship Co-ordinator, Mayne Island Conservancy):**
Rob introduced himself and explained his background in ecosystems (revitalization and restoration). He is now working for MICS and his main focus will be the stewardship and restoration of Henderson Park through the removal of scotch broom and the development of an interpretive trail (sign posts and brochure). He is actively working at getting more volunteers involved and hoping to accommodate a range of helpers but admitted there were challenges recruiting younger people.

There followed discussion about future funding for the fence project at Henderson Park. Peter Askin said he would be formally asking MICS to contribute through joint fundraising promotions with MICS and grant applications. MIPRC is waiting for CRD approval to proceed, which is not expected until April 2012. Ann Johnston would like to see some informal discussion before April. Peter and Ann to arrange.
3. **Approval of August Minutes:** August minutes were not available; to be approved at next meeting.
Approval of September Minutes: (Moved) Moved by Jerry B, seconded by Doug to approve the September minutes. Motion carried.
4. **Correspondence (In-coming) –**
 - a) Invitation received from MICS to attend the dedication of the two major Active Pass Important Bird Area signs on Sunday, Oct. 30. Peter and Doug will attend. Kathie to RSVP.
 - b) Thank you letter received from Cribbage Club for the \$600 grant to go towards the hall rental.
 - c) E-mail received from Bill Warning about the safety of uneven patio stones on the library patio. Peter will respond to his note and forward the info to Alan Guy. The dangerous stones are to be removed and the area filled with gravel. The work will be done shortly.
5. **Correspondence (Out-going) –**
 - a) Letter sent to Association of Mayne Island Boaters (Carol Broad) from Jerry Wise explaining that MIPRC could not accommodate their grant request this year. Jerry also said that MIPRC would help with maintenance and improvement of the boat ramps and MIPRC could allocate funds from the operating budget to help with the Village Bay ramp.
6. **Old Business –**
 - a) Commonality Meeting, Oct. 13 – Peter, Liz, and Jerry B will attend. Ferry over and Doug Johnston, very kindly, offered to pick them up in his boat at the end of the day.
 - b) Parks Inventory sent to Steve DeRousie for the Fire Department's use. Peter is waiting for a response from Steve regarding park signage.
7. **New Business –**
 - a) Interpretive Trail at Henderson Park and Agreement with MICS. To be covered under Committee Reports.
 - b) Christmas Dinner – **(Motion)** moved by Jerry W, seconded by Liz to set the MIPRC Christmas Dinner date for Thursday, December 8 at the Wild Fennel. Jerry Wise to contact the restaurant.
 - c) Memorial to Jack Jensen – Peter will contact Lina Beaudet who will relay our thanks to Sonja Jensen for her gift of a memorial bench for Jack. There is a possible spot for a bench at Dinner Bay Park; Jerry will proceed to order the bench.
8. **Treasurer's Report** (copy attached) – Jerry Wise explained that there are still unallocated funds to be used before the end of December. **(Motion)** moved by Jerry W, seconded by Jerry B to adopt the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

9. **Committee Reports:**

a) Dinner Bay –

- Jerry is having difficulty finding a sign for the Disabled Washroom (Handicap – Male/Female). Peter will check with Bill Shields who makes our parks' signs.
- Clean-up continues; Mark Aitken has done some trimming.
- Winterizing – tables to be brought in; washrooms/water closed Nov. 15 (one to be left open).
- Lions are considering building an attached covered lean-to at the back of the Lions' shed.

b) Village Bay –

- Doug would like to see a bench put up in the park.
- Doug will try to get more volunteers to help him with improvements next year.

c) Japanese Garden

- Christmas lights to go up December 6. Thanks to Lions and volunteers as usual.

d) Emma & Felix Jack Park – No Report – Park to be taken off the Agenda.

e) Henderson Park and Trail Network Development --

- The 2 staircase projects on Plumper Pass Trail are now complete.
- Henderson Park Fence Project – Ron Olivier with bobcat has completed a difficult 500 meter stretch of the fence line. Site access is now in place. Another 500 meter length to be worked on in 2012.
- Phase 1 of Vulture Ridge Viewpoint Trail boundary (700 meters) to be started.
- Peter and Doug will work on a board walk at the Doreen McLeod Trail – Oct. 19.

f) Miners Bay

- Discussion about Christmas lights; - more coloured and transparent lights and sockets are required and will be purchased.
- Discussion about 'Tru-Value Donation Board' and the name identified as 'Christmas Tree' which is misleading because MIPRC cover all costs associated with the Christmas Tree. It was suggested that the board should read 'Christmas Celebration'.
- New planter is now filled and snow-fencing removed. Stone caps for the wall tops are being cut (Rien must cut by hand – very time-consuming). Top fencing will be fitted after caps in place. As a temporary measure only, small cedars have been in planter.
- Great work by the Garden Club to seed the large areas at the rear of the library building. There is seed remaining that will go on the front, below the lavender and in the worse ruts behind library.
- Matt Taylor will deliver one extra load of fill to ease the grade down from the road level.
- A load of crushed gravel has been ordered later in the month to fill in the space left when the dangerous patio blocks are removed. Recycling of the used patio stones – some to Church, and some to Village Bay Water Board to provide protection for their new stand-pipes.
- Discussion regarding work being done at the park without the knowledge of MIPRC or CRD (un-insured workers and liability). **(Motion)** moved by Jerry B, seconded by Jerry W to ask CRD to send a notice to Richard Iredale asking him to cease and desist all work at Miners Bay and the Library.

g) Kippen Road Beach Access – Jerry B to contact Andrew Pierce about the beach access stairs and confirm his help again this year; also have him fill in a volunteer liability form.

(Motion) Moved by Jerry W, seconded by Doug, to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 pm. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
3:30 p.m. at LIBRARY**