



MIPRC Minutes - April 11, 2012

The April meeting of the MIPRC was held at the Library on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 and was called to order at 3:35 pm.

Present: Peter Askin (Chair) Bill Duggan Liz Howard Jerry Betker
Jerry Wise Doug Johnson Christie Meers
Absent: Anny Scoones

1. **Approval of agenda:** moved by Liz, seconded by Bill that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.
2. **New Commissioner:** there is currently a vacancy on the Commission. An application to serve on the MIPRC was received from Christie Meers. **Moved** by Doug, seconded by Liz to welcome Christie as a Commissioner for the balance of a two-year term ending December 31, 2012. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of March minutes:** moved by Jerry B, seconded by Jerry W that the March minutes be approved. Motion carried.
4. **Correspondence (in-coming):**
 - a) An email was received from a CRD employee inquiring as to the location of some equipment. Most items were found at various spots around the Island and include the large tractor and ride-on mower at Dinner Bay Park. During a subsequent visit, the CRD employee advised that they would be amenable to having the ownership of this equipment transferred from the CRD to the MIPRC. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Jerry B that the MIPRC apply to the CRD to have the ownership of the two pieces of equipment at Dinner Bay Park transferred to the MIPRC. Motion carried. Jerry W volunteered to stick-handle the process.
 - b) An invitation was received from the MI Conservancy Society to attend an open house on Saturday, April 21 from 11 am to 3 pm.
5. **Correspondence (out-going):** the MIPRC as sent an application form and \$20 to the MIIWSS to cover our annual membership for 2012.
6. **Old business:**
 - a) Peter presented an update on the printing of the new Park brochure/hiking trail map. The mock-up has been approved and the final copies should be printed within 2 weeks.
 - b) Peter reported on attending the formal opening of the MI Conservancy's interpretive nature trail at Henderson Park and commented that it is quite impressive.
 - c) Peter forwarded some comments from Kathie Warning relative to the Dinner Bay Easter Egg Hunt. Approximately 175 kids attended which is outstanding and everyone had a great time.

d) Jerry W reported that the washroom custodian agreement as discussed during our last meeting has now been completed and signed. It is for a 2-year term but can be cancelled by either party on 90 days written notice.

e) Peter reported that in connection with our proposed capital plan calling for some additional fencing at Henderson Park, he has received a materials quote from a Victoria company, subject to site inspection etc. that is below our estimate.

f) Liz asked for more information concerning the Scotch Broom removal at the beach access at the end of Edith Point Road. The work party is scheduled for April 22 starting at 10 am.

7. **New business:** the Commission received a quote relative to the proposed construction of 120 feet of elevated walkway along a portion of the Kadonaga Beach access trail. The quote was larger than our budget would allow. A lively discussion followed. Peter will re-visit the situation with the contractor who provided the quote to see if a Plan B can be developed.
8. **Treasurer's report:** Jerry W presented the financial report up to April 11, 2012 as attached. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Liz that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.
9. **Park reports:**
 - a) Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B -
 - the small hot water tank in the Pavillion kitchen will be moved to the custodian's room and a new, 40 gallon tank will be installed in the kitchen by the Lions Club.
 - Per Nielsen has volunteered to provide and install metal flashing on the exterior beams at the Pavillion to prevent rotting.
 - the Lions will provide and install new wood chips at the playground and also purchase a new volley-ball net.
 - the large tractor is up and running.
 - several on-Island non-profit groups who have reserved the Pavillion and kitchen for the coming year have requested they be exempt from the standard rent and damage deposit requirements. They will however, purchase the required liability insurance.
 - I. **moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Doug that the MI Boaters Association be exempted from our usual fees relative to a picnic to be held June 17 and a member's day to be held September 8. Motion carried.
 - II. **moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Liz that the MI Quilters Guild be exempted from our usual fees relative to their Quilt Show and luncheon to be held July 21 in both the Park and the Japanese Garden, and that they also be allowed to have a "Merchants Alley" as part of their show. Motion carried.
 - III. **moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Bill that MI Baseball club be exempted from our usual fees relative to their annual 3-day tournament to be held at a date still to be established. Motion carried.

- IV. **moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Bill that Billy McLeod's planned open Memorial Day for Doreen McLeod to be held August 8 be exempted from our usual fees and additionally, the MIPRC will cover the cost of liability insurance for the day. Motion carried.

- b) Village Bay Park report from Doug - the planned concrete stairway down into the Park from Mariners Way will be constructed at a date to be established in the next few weeks.
- c) Japanese Garden report from Liz - the long, cold Spring has hampered planting but things are now starting to improve. 8 volunteers came out yesterday for the weekly work party.
- d) Henderson Park / Trail Network combined report from Peter -
- a new viewpoint has been built at the top of Henderson Hill which has a panoramic view to the North.
 - a bridge on the Doreen McLeod trail is showing signs of rot and needs to be replaced. This will be done during the summer.
 - the stairs at the Anson Road beach access trail have had non-slip mesh installed along with a new support stringer. The picnic table has been cleaned.
- e) Miners Bay Park report from Bill -
- there was a great turn-out for a general clean-up work party held April 2 including the first grass cutting of the year.
 - some repairs and maintenance have been done to the Gazebo
 - a quote was received to pave the parking lot but it was too high to be considered and so for the time being, the parking lot will have a coating of good quality gravel.
 - the light in the UV water purification system appears to be out but as the water is chlorinated and tested regularly it is still safe.
 - water appears to be seeping into the Park from under the new fill that has been spread along Village Bay Road to the north of the Library building. We will test the liquid for contamination and also try and locate the source so that remedial action can be taken.
- f) Emma & Felix Jack Park report from Liz - Don DeRousie has volunteered to chip up a dead tree that is down. Additionally, a second dead cedar has been noticed and that will be felled as a safety measure and chipped.

10. **Adjourn. Moved** by Liz, seconded by Bill to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm. Motion carried.

Next meeting to be held at the Library on Wednesday, May 9 at the **TRADITIONAL SUMMER TIME OF 7:00 pm.**