



MIPRC Minutes - October 10, 2012

The October meeting of the MIPRC was held at the Library on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 and was called to order at 3:40 pm.

Present: Jerry Wise (Chair / Secretary) Christie Meers Bill Duggan
Veronica Euper Liz Howard
Absent: Jerry Betker Doug Johnston Peter Askin

1. **Approval of agenda: moved** by Liz, seconded by Bill, that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of September minutes:** as there were no errors or omissions it was **moved** by Bill, seconded by Christie, that the September minutes be approved. Motion carried.
3. **Correspondence (in-coming):**
 - a) An email was received inquiring about placing a memorial bench on Campbell Point. As this Park is managed by Parks Canada the writer was advised to contact the Parks Canada office in Sydney. If placing the bench is not possible on that point of land, the writer will contact us to discuss locations in other Parks.
 - b) Letter from the Crib Club with thanks for the Recreation Grant
 - c) Letter from the Tennis Club with thanks for the Recreation Grant
4. **Correspondence (out-going):** none
5. **Old business:**
 - a) The Commonality Meeting scheduled for Saturna Island on October 17 is going ahead. At least 3 Commissioners might attend.
 - b) The situation involving a possible new Village Point beach access was further discussed. It was **moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Bill, that we advise the parties who have contacted us in this regard that the MIPRC currently has no involvement and has no plans to be involved in the future. Motion carried.
 - c) The washroom cleanliness committee has not yet been able to get together but Bill advised that he has purchased the necessary cleaning materials and paint. The committee will meet in the near future to organize a work party and will then fine-tune the custodian contract.
 - d) The chair of the skateboard park committee advised that some initial research has been done focusing on other community skate parks and regulations, but a lot more research will be necessary especially in the area of funding. The committee plans to meet in the near future.
 - e) Jerry W reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Experience the Gulf Islands group. They are well organized, focused and determined to improve the overall economics of the Island through the Economic Development Committee and by, among other things, extending the Trans-Canada Trail through the Islands. It was noted that they have the support of the CRD. They will continue to involve the MIPRC in any trail building plans. The group has called a public information meeting for October 24.

6. **New business:** The date and venue for the annual Commissioner's Christmas dinner was discussed. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Liz, that the dinner be held at the Green House Restaurant on December 6 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.
7. **Treasurer's report:**
 - a) Jerry W presented his financial report up to October 10, 2012. He advised that donations for the Japanese Gardens continue in very generous amounts. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Liz, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.
 - b) Jerry W also presented the MIPRC's proposed Operating Budget, Recreation Budget and Capital Budget for the years 2013 through 2015 inclusive with estimates for 2016 and 2017. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Bill that the budgets be approved as presented. Motion carried
8. **Park reports:**
 - a) Dinner Bay Park report - no report but Jerry W did advise that two new line trimmers have been purchased at a cost of just over \$1,000.
 - b) Japanese Garden report from Liz - as the Santa Ship will be arriving early on December 8, the volunteers are planning to install the garden's Christmas lights on December 4.
 - c) Miners Bay Park report from Bill - the new trellis for the entrance to the Library has been completed and looks superb. The Garden Club will be providing a brass plaque with the names of the volunteers who donated their time and expertise to make the project such a success. The remediation work in the washrooms continues

A late addition to this report - Ted Burden will not be available to head up the installation of the Christmas lights on the community tree, but Amanda Gunn is prepared to take over those duties. She will be organizing a work party for early November.
 - d) Henderson Park / Trail Network - no report but Bill did advise that the trails are generally in good shape.

On a different topic, Bill suggested that we look into ordering additional shirts for the Commissioners.
 - e) Village Bay Park - no report.
9. **Adjourn: Moved** by Liz, seconded by Veronica, to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 pm. Motion carried.

Next meeting to be held at the Library on Wednesday, November 14, at 3:30 pm.