



MIPRC Minutes - November 14, 2012

The November meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 and was called to order at 3:30 pm.

Present: Peter Askin (Chair) Jerry Wise (Secretary) Bill Duggan Liz Howard
Doug Johnston Jerry Betker Veronica Euper (present via phone)
Absent: Christie Meers
Guests: Helen O'Brian Scott Magee

1. **Approval of agenda:** moved by Liz, seconded by Doug, that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.
2. **Guest presentation:** our 2 guests were representing the Trail Committee of the Mayne Island component of the "Experience the Gulf Islands" (ETGI) group. The group is working toward building an extension of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) by creating a network of hiking trails and marine connections throughout the Gulf Islands allowing for the easy inter-island movement of visitors and residents. Helen and Scott wanted to update the Commission on developments to date including the creation of a vision statement. The turn-out at meetings has been good and progress on mapping a route for a cross-island trail has commenced. Helen advised that she now has a copy of the Galiano Trails Society's private landowner's agreement which allows the Society to cover liability issues on private land for a set term of 5 years which can be renewed. She also advised that both the CRD and the national TCT Society are on board in supporting the ETGI group's efforts. They asked that the MIPRC designate a representative to be a liaison between the MIPRC and the ETGI. Peter volunteered. The Mayne Island ETGI group has started a web site / blog at etgi-mayne.com which will be updated as necessary.
3. **Approval of October minutes:** as there were no errors or omissions it was moved by Bill, seconded by Jerry W, that the October minutes be approved. Motion carried.
4. **Correspondence (in-coming):**
 - a) Email re: possible Mariner's Way beach access.
 - b) Letter from the Ag Hall Fitness Group with thanks for the recreational grant.
 - c) Email from the MI Conservancy requesting a letter of support for further work in Henderson Park. Jerry W will write the letter.
5. **Correspondence (out-going):** emails have been sent to the parties who have contacted the Commission concerning a possible beach access on Mariner's Way reiterating that the MIPRC will have no involvement in such an access.
6. **Items arising from old business:**
 - a) At the October 17 Commonality Meeting on Saturna Island, Ed Andrusiack proposed two motions that each Commission agreed to put forward at their next meeting -
 - i) **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Liz that, in principal, the MIPRC supports the Experience the Gulf Islands proposal and in particular the idea of a designated, inter-connected Trans Canada Trail (TCT) route across each of the Southern Gulf Islands. Motion carried

- ii) **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Bill, that the MIPRC will be part of the planning and development process for the TCT on Mayne Island. Motion carried.
 - b) Bill reported on behalf of the washroom cleanliness committee relative to a meeting held October 29 to discuss the Custodian contract and other issues. A revised draft contract was developed and presented to the Commissioners for discussion. The single largest change was the removal of the necessity to lock the washrooms every evening and re-open them every morning resulting in a considerable time savings and a resultant reduction in the amount being paid under the contract. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Jerry W, that the revised wording be accepted. Motion carried. Bill volunteered to present the new agreement to our custodian.
 - c) There was no report from the Skateboard Park committee.
7. **New Business:** Four Commissioner's terms expire on December 31 being Jerry W, Jerry B, Doug and Christie. All four have confirmed they will continue as Commissioners for another 2-year term.
8. **Treasurer's Report:**
- a) Jerry W presented his financial report up to November 14, 2012. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Jerry B, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.
 - b) Jerry advised that the Dave Bentham Award honorariums have now been presented to both the 2011 and 2012 award recipients.
9. **Park Reports:**
- a) Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - metal flashing or "boots" have been fabricated for the ends of all beams exposed to the weather and installed. The putting green mower needs to be serviced at the John Deere dealer in Duncan and Peter has offered to transport it. The wood chips have been delivered and will be spread out in the playground area. One of the washrooms and the Adachi Pavilion kitchen have been closed for the winter.
 - b) Japanese Garden report from Liz - a work party to install the Christmas lights has been scheduled for December 4 and a notice will be inserted into the MayneLiner December issue inviting Islanders to come and view them.
 - c) Miner's Bay Park report from Bill - the cleaning and floor painting in the public washrooms is finished (kudos to Bill) and some minor plumbing repairs have been made. The new U/V Light system has been installed on the water system and the remedial work on the wellhead has been completed. The lights are scheduled to go up on the big public Christmas tree on November 24 and Bill has volunteered to install lights around the Library building.
 - d) Henderson Park / Trail Network report from Peter - all the trails have been checked and found to be in reasonably good shape but a number of signs have come down due to age and / or storms and will be repaired or replaced. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Jerry W, to form a committee to explore alternate options to complete or cancel the major fence project at Henderson Park. Motion carried. Bill, Peter and Jerry W volunteered to be on the committee.
 - e) Village Bay Park report from Doug - a concrete bench will be ordered and installed. The pit toilet needs a thorough cleaning.
10. **Adjourn:** **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Bill, to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at the Library on Wednesday, December 12 at 3:30 pm at which time the agenda will include the election of Officers for 2013.