



## MIPRC Minutes - December 12, 2012

The December meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 and was called to order at 3:30 pm.

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

1. **Approval of agenda:** moved by Jerry B, seconded by Bill, that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of November minutes:** as there were no errors or omissions it was moved by Jerry W, seconded by Jerry B, that the November minutes be approved. Motion carried.

3. **Correspondence (in-coming):**

- I. A thank you note was received from Grace Fraser re: the Dave Bentham award honorarium.
- II. An email was received from the Chamber of Commerce requesting that we consider sharing the costs related to the Christmas Eve community bonfire at Miner's Bay Park. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Liz, that the MIPRC cover the \$75 cost of public liability and property damage insurance. Motion carried. The Chamber will provide all the refreshments.

4. **Correspondence (out-going):** an email was sent to the Bennett Bay Water District granting permission to conduct water line maintenance across the corner of a small park.

5. **Items arising from old business:**

- I. A report from the Henderson Park Deer Fence committee was put forward by Bill. The committee recommended that the whole concept of the major fence project be shelved indefinitely and that scarce capital funds should perhaps be targeted at trail construction and improvement, and park improvement in tandem with projects being proposed by the Experience the Gulf Islands group. The recommendation was accepted and will be incorporated into the Commission's 2014 Capital Plan Budget to be developed in August, 2013.
- II. A report from the Skateboard Park committee was presented by Christie who has completed a considerable amount of research on behalf of the committee. The research shows that with proper planning and foresight such a facility might be feasible for Mayne Island. There is a parcel of land owned by the Board of Education situated beside the School that is now sitting vacant and is a possible park site. Also, grant funds might be available for the project. Another consideration is that a Skateboard Park might assist in attracting tourist families to the Island. **Moved** by Christie, seconded by Jerry W, that she move forward and assemble a Community Committee to create a development plan to include land availability, design options, a budget, funding sources and possible oversight personnel. Motion carried. Veronica and Jerry W will continue to assist as needed.
- III. Peter reported on a meeting he attended on December 7 of the trails committee of the Experience the Gulf Islands group. The group is slowly narrowing down possible cross-island trail routes and formulating development plans.

**6. New Business:**

- I. Election of officers. After nominations were finalized, the MIPRC's officers by acclamation for 2013 are:  
Jerry Wise - Chair, Treasurer and Secretary  
Bill Duggan - Alternate Chair
- II. Peter volunteered to write the monthly "Notes from the Park Bench" article for the MayneLiner magazine.

**7. Treasurer's Report:** Jerry W presented his financial report up to December 12, 2012. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Jerry B, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**8. Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - two new concrete benches have been ordered along with a brass plaque for an existing bench. The lawn mowers have been serviced and winterized. The Pavilion kitchen pipes have been drained and the building winterized as have the pipes in the men's washroom which has been shut down. This leaves one washroom still open for use until after the New Year. The tractor needs maintenance which will be arranged. A load of gravel has been ordered.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - 38 people showed up to help install the Christmas lights which was hugely appreciated by the usual volunteer work crew. Also, 30 people attended the Honour a Life event organized by the Mayne Island Assisted Living Society. The Christmas light show will be open from December 20 to New Years but will close on Christmas Eve.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill - a large volunteer work party was on hand to install the decorative lights and star on the huge community Christmas tree. The on / off timer has been set for 4:00 pm to 1:00 am. Metal mirrors have been installed in both public washrooms at the Library and automatic door closers have been ordered as the heaters are on.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network report from Peter - all the trails have again been checked with a focus on sign maintenance. Everything was found to be in reasonably good shape with only a few minor repairs needed. A plan is being formulated to build a new pathway in Henderson Park which will curve off the existing Doreen McLeod trail and provide access to the man-made pond which is located between the waterfront and Beechwood drive.
- V. Village Bay Park - no report.

**9. Adjourn:** Prior to adjournment, Peter was thanked heartily for his more than 6 years as Commission Chair and he in turn wished Jerry W all the best in his future chairing activities. **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Christie, to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at the Library on Wednesday, January 9 at 3:30 pm.