



MIPRC Minutes - February 13, 2013

The February meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 and was called to order at 3:35 pm.

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

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

2. **Approval of January minutes:** as there were no errors or omissions it was moved by Liz, seconded by Peter, that the January minutes be approved. Motion carried.

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

- I. A letter was received from Mayne Island Fire Rescue requesting approval for the installation of a fire danger rating sign at Felix Jack & Village Bay roads - at the top corner of Emma & Felix Jack Park.
- II. An email was received inquiring about the process to install a remembrance bench. A return email will be sent giving cost estimates and suggestions concerning location.

4. **Correspondence (out-going):** none

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

- I. A report was received from the skateboard park committee advising that the focus will now be on creating a "Youth Park" in which many different activities can take place. Additionally, it is the intent that the founding stakeholders be from all areas of the community and so the committee will no longer be directly associated with the MIPRC but be more of a community committee and will involve the kids as much as possible. To this end a public meeting is scheduled for February 17 to inform potential committee members about the Park.
- II. The planning of the kids Easter celebrations is proceeding very well. A number of Islanders have stepped forward volunteering to help.

6. **New Business: Moved** by Christie, seconded by Bill, that Mayne Island Fire Rescue be permitted to install a fire danger rating sign in the southwest corner of Emma & Felix Jack Park. During discussion of the motion it came to light that because of the curved configuration of the intersection, the road allowance at the corner is very wide - approximately 30 feet. This pushes the Park property boundary a long distance from the roads themselves making it a very poor location for the sign. For this reason the motion was withdrawn. A letter will be sent to Mayne Island Fire Rescue notifying them of the situation and suggesting that they contact the MOT to see if the sign can be placed in the actual road allowance.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry W's report included information recently received from the CRD concerning unforeseen budget decreases due to reduced property assessments. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Peter, that the mandated decrease in the MIPRC's fiscal 2013 budget of \$10,800 be covered by reducing the funds carried forward from fiscal 2012 to the Capital Funds Reserve by a similar amount. Motion carried.

Discussion followed concerning the planned expenditure of Capital Funds on the Henderson Park deer fence project which had previously been assigned project number CX.069.2003.66. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Peter: that this capital project be cancelled; that the segregated funds be returned to the Capital Funds Reserve; that a revised Capital Plan Budget be filed with the CRD. Motion carried. Apart from the foregoing, the period under discussion was quiet with total expenditures being nominal due in part to the reduced costs of janitorial work during the winter season. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Bill, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

8. Park Reports:

- I. Dinner Bay Park report - no report
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - work parties are getting started and pruning will be the first order of business.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill - the automatic door closers have been installed on the public washroom doors and adjusted. It is now planned to take down the Christmas lights from the community tree on February 23. Helen O'Brian has advised that she is bringing in Alan Jones, a profession apple tree pruner, for the trees on her farm and she wanted to know if the MIPRC would like trees pruned while he is on-Island. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, that we employ Alan to trim the heritage trees in the Park. Motion carried.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network reports:
 - a) Peter distributed a comprehensive report that he and Bill have spent a considerable amount of time putting together. The report recommends five possible trail improvement projects which would take the form of staircases and/or embedded steps as follows:
 1. SE end of the Vulture Ridge trail - 2 spans and 4 landings.
 2. Neil Road shore access - 3 spans and 6 landings.
 3. Lower section of the Plumper Pass loop trail - 3 spans and 6 landings.
 4. Kadonaga Bay access trail - 2 spans.
 5. Chu-An trail - 4 spans.**Moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, that the recommendations be accepted as a guide for the MIPRC's next projects. Motion carried. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill: that during 2013 we proceed with projects 1 and 2; that the total cost for both is not to exceed \$30,000; that funding for the two projects is to come from the Capital Funds Reserve with formal project numbers to be assigned by the CRD. Motion carried. These new projects will be included in the revised Capital Plan Budget now being prepared. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, that both projects be put out for tender immediately with Peter to prepare the proper advertisements. Motion carried. Peter also advised that the new pathway from the Doreen McLeod trail to the pond has been completed and a bench will be installed at the pond. A new bench is also required for the Vulture Ridge summit viewpoint as well as twelve new 6" x 6" wood steps on the trail.
 - b) Jerry W reported that during the last major wind and rain storm in January, a resident on Navy Channel Road phoned about two large trees in the Conconi Reef viewpoint trail right-of-way that were leaning dangerously towards hydro lines due to massive soil erosion undercutting the root balls. Fortunately, he had also called Hydro and their crews took the trees down the next day.
- V. Village Bay Park - no report.

9. **Adjourn:** **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Liz, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at the Library on Wednesday, March 13 at 3:30 pm.