



MIPRC Minutes - April 10, 2013 - as amended.

The April meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 and was called to order at 3:33 pm.

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

Absent: None

Guest: Vicki Turay representing the Mayne Island Recycling Board.

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

2. **Guest presentation:** Vicki gave a brief presentation concerning a composting initiative being proposed by the Recycling Board and the Mayne Island Conservancy as, commencing in 2015, food waste will no longer be accepted by the Hartland Landfill. One of the solutions being suggested under the initiative is for residents to use a food digester for food scraps - including meat - in addition to a composter for vegetable matter. The digester of choice is the Green Cone which has been in use in Europe for many years and, because it is partially buried in the ground, is odor free and rodent-proof. All scraps put in it are quickly turned into a liquid by solar heat and leech into the ground acting as a nutrient for surrounding vegetation. The Green Cone normally retails for \$169 but possible CRD bulk buying might bring the price down to \$99. The Recycling Board is looking for the support and sponsorship of the initiative by the MIPRC along with permission to install a demonstration Green Cone in Dinner Bay Park.

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

4. **Correspondence (in-coming):** none.

5. **Correspondence (out-going):** an email has been sent to the Lions Club advising that the MIPRC wishes to keep the small green trailer.

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

- I. The Chair advised the meeting that Parks Canada is looking for volunteers to assist with maintaining the flower beds at Lighthouse Park.
- II. The meeting was updated on some concerns of the Youth Park Ad-Hoc committee revolving around support from the MIPRC. The Treasurer advised the meeting that there are no funds in the budget for an additional Park. **Moved** by Christie, seconded by Doug, that the Ad-Hoc committee be allowed to describe the park survey as a MIPRC initiative and use the MIPRC logo and name on survey sheets as well as news items on various web sites. Motion carried.
- III. Peter advised that a draft of the new park brochure is underway and new photographs are being considered.

7. **New Business:**

- I. The roster of volunteers being used by the CRD is out-of-date. The commissioners were asked to assist in bringing it current and obtaining CRD volunteer application forms from new volunteers. This should be completed by our May meeting.

- II. The lease agreement between the CRD and the Reading Centre Society expires at the end of May. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Liz, that the lease be renewed for a further 5-year term with the only changes being that there is no \$8,000 payment and the landlord will be responsible for the cost of snow removal. Motion carried.
- III. The Chair advised the meeting that the Lieutenant Governor will be visiting the Island on April 18.
- IV. It was agreed that the MIPRC would support the composting initiative being proposed by the Recycling Centre and the Conservancy. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Liz, that a Green Cone digester be purchased and installed at Dinner Bay Park. Motion carried.
- V. Pender Island Parks Commission is disputing the notion that they should host the next Commonality Meeting. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Christie, that the MIPRC step up and volunteer to host a Commonality Meeting as soon as possible which will probably be some time in June. Motion carried. Jerry W, Peter and Christie will form an organizing committee.
- VI. Christie advised the meeting that the kid's bike rodeo is coming up and that the hardware store is offering to provide bike helmets to the kids at a nominal cost. **Moved** by Christie, seconded by Liz, that the MIPRC make a donation of \$100 to the bike rodeo organizers for the purchase of bike helmets. Motion carried.

NOTE: Veronica and Christie had to leave the meeting at this time being 4:50 pm.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending April 10, 2013. The report reflected a quiet month with no surprise expenses. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Jerry B, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

9. **Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - the kid's Easter celebration went off without a hitch. Fun was had by all and there were a number of willing hands to help with the clean-up. The meeting was advised that Paul from the Tru-Value store is also in the business of repairing small gasoline motors and so our trimmers and mowers will be given to him when service is required. A load of sand has been ordered from Matt Taylor to top-dress the ball field. Volunteers from the ball club will again be mowing the grass which is much appreciated. New treated posts have been ordered to support the volley-ball net and a couple of members of the Lions Club have volunteered to provide the labour to upgrade some water pump connections from plastic to brass which should stop persistent leaks.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - pruning has been completed and the volunteers are determined to have the garden looking great for the visit of Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill - all the flower beds look superb thanks to the Garden Club volunteers. Of concern though is the sighting of tent caterpillars on a few of the trees. The gazebo wiring has been upgraded and the lighting is now operational. Pruning has been completed on the ornamental fruit trees. The cleanliness of the washrooms is improving.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network reports from Bill and Peter - two bids have been received for construction of new stairways which are currently being put through the vetting process. Fresh gravel has been applied to the new pathway from the Doreen McLeod trail to the small pond.
- V. Village Bay Park report from Doug - the first mowing of the year has been completed and the new concrete bench is ready for installation.

10. **Adjourn:** **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Peter, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at the Library on Wednesday, May 8 at 3:30 pm.