



MIPRC Minutes - May 8, 2013

The May meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 and was called to order at 3:31 pm.

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

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

2. **Approval of April minutes:** Moved by Veronica, seconded by Liz, that the minutes should reflect late arrivals and early departures of Commissioners. After some discussion the motion was carried. The April minutes were amended to show the early departure of Veronica and Christie. As there were no further amendments, errors or omissions it was **moved** by Bill, seconded by Veronica, that the April minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

3. **Correspondence (in-coming):** An email was received from Michael Dunn, Chair of the Mayne Island Conservancy Society, requesting the MIPRC to re-visit the 4-year old concept of offers being made to owners of "Red Zone" properties on Wood Dale Drive to donate their land for conservation or park purposes in exchange for a CRD tax receipt. After some discussion, it was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, that a committee be formed for the purpose of working with the Conservancy in having a pro-active, second look at this initiative. Motion carried. Peter, Bill and Christie volunteered to be members of the committee.

4. **Correspondence (out-going):**

- I. An email was sent to Michel Bourassa, Chair of the Saturna Island Parks & Recreation Commission, responding to his request for input on the distribution of Recreational Grant funds. He had received a message from an independent organization offering to look after this responsibility.
- II. A letter of support for the Mayne Island Conservancy Society was sent to the EcoStar awards committee.

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

- I. Christie reported on activities of the Youth Park Ad-Hoc committee. The Park survey has now been closed with 51 written responses having been received plus others posted on various electronic media. The results will be tabulated and presented at the next meeting.
- II. Peter advised that the new park brochure is in the process of being printed.
- III. Efforts to bring the CRD's list of Mayne Island volunteers current are moving forward. Jerry W will tabulate the new information into an updated roster which will be forwarded to the CRD along with several application forms from new volunteers.
- IV. Liz and Jerry W reported on activities at two venues visited by the Lt. Governor on Her Honour's recent trip to Mayne Island being the Japanese Garden and a working luncheon at Michael Dunn's home. Everything went spectacularly well.
- V. Jerry W reported on behalf of the Commonality Meeting Committee about preparations for the next meeting to be hosted on Mayne Island. The date has been set as Thursday, June 20th with the venue being the Agricultural Hall.

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6. New Business:

- I. Jerry W reported on a situation affecting the access to the Mt. Parke CRD Regional Park at the end of Montrose Road. Because of a recently completed land survey, it has come to light that the entrance to the Park is actually on private property and should probably be closed as it is not possible to find another access point at the end of the road. However, there is another access point to the same Park loop trail at the end of Kim Road about 1 km away. Suggestions have been made by the affected property owners that a simple solution is to move all the CRD Park signage from Montrose Road to Kim Road and leave the Montrose access restricted to emergency fire / rescue personnel only. CRD park staff has been alerted and a site visit is planned for early June. Once that is completed a decision will be made as to how to move forward.
- II. A request was received from a resident living adjacent to the Kippen Road Beach Access trail that a contractor be hired to remove piles of branch clippings and other brush from beside the trail. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, that Mark Nicholson Tree Service be retained to do the work at a cost of \$300. Motion carried.

7. Treasurer's Report: Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending May 8, 2013 which contained no surprises. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Peter, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Park Reports:

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - a new pump is being purchased for the well-head and the Lions Club is going to put a new coat of preservative on the Pavilion. The portable stage will be set up in the next week or so as it is close to the time of year when various organizations want to make use of it. Maintenance of the putting green is getting to be problematic because of a continuing shortage of volunteers. Additionally, the specialized greens lawn mower is not working so the grass is being cut with a regular lawn mower which unfortunately leaves it too long for actual putting. A sign might be erected beside the entrance to the putting green explaining what the situation is and asking users to consider becoming volunteers. Members of the ball team are continuing to cut the playing field grass and they also assisted in leveling the surface.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - the lawn mower is also in need of repairs. A load of top soil has been received.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill - the Park is all set for the May Day celebrations. The long row of blackberry bushes will be pruned back by a contractor to a manageable size and the large electric switch box on the community Christmas tree has had an all-weather cover installed. A new Canada flag will be purchased prior to Canada Day. The quality of the janitorial work is continuing to improve. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Peter, to extend the janitorial contract for one year. Motion carried.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network reports from Bill and Peter -
 - a. Peter advised that additional work has been completed on the new pond trail and a bench has been installed at the pond. A directional sign is on order.
 - b. Bill reported that 2 formal bids have been received for the two new stairway projects at Vulture Ridge and Neil Road. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Peter, that the bid received from Elliot Brady being \$13,440 for Vulture Ridge and \$15,225 for Neil Road for completion by October 1st be accepted. Motion carried.
- V. Village Bay Park - no report.

9. Adjourn: **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Christie, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at the Library on Wednesday, June 12 at a new start time of 3:15 pm.