



MIPRC Minutes - June 12, 2013

The June meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 and was called to order at 3:16 pm.

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

Absent: Doug Johnston

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

2. **Approval of May minutes:** As there were no errors or omissions it was moved by Christy, seconded by Bill, that the May minutes be approved. Motion carried.

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

- I. An email was received from Harvey Lee, CRD Insurance Coordinator, with a list of the Park Commission's assets. One addition was made bringing the total asset value to \$971,000.
- II. An email was received from Alan Cheek with some comments on Park maintenance.
- III. An email was received from Doug Johnston requesting that because his calendar was becoming very full we should find a replacement for him. With deep regret we will commence a search for a new Commissioner.

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

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

- I. Christie provided an update from the Youth Park Ad-Hoc committee. The results of the Park use survey are being tabulated.
- II. Peter advised that some progress has been made by the Red Zone property committee. Information has been turned over to Michael Dunn, Chair of the Conservancy, which will be followed up on. He will also talk with CRD Staff about possible liability issues and extension of the ecological zone to include these properties.
- III. Jerry W reported on behalf of the Commonality Meeting Committee concerning the June 20th meeting. All preparations are complete with the exception of the final transportation logistics which will be finalized by Friday and the retaining of a Recording Secretary where messages got crossed. Fortunately, (Mrs.) Gerrie Wise stepped up and agreed to be our Recording Secretary for the day.
- IV. Jerry W reported on the Mt. Parke Regional Park access situation. After a meeting with one of the property owners the situation is now better understood in preparation for a July site inspection with CRD Staff.
- V. Jerry W reported that the renewal of the lease with the Reading Centre Society has been completed.

6. **New Business:** None

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending June 12, 2013. **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 - the Lions Club will clean the Pavilion wood surfaces and re-finish them. The Parks Commission has agreed to purchase a power washer for use by the Lions. Unfortunately no volunteers have come forward to maintain the putting green which is now in poor shape. A decision has been made to instead mow the grass with regular mowers and turn it into a pitch and putt area. Also in the bad news section of the report is the fact that there are signs of Tent Caterpillars returning although not as badly as last year. The summertime portable stage is being set up and repairs will be made to some torn wire mesh treads on the stairway leading to the beach. A plaque is in the process of being ordered for a new memorial bench.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - the Caterpillars are also in the Garden along with evidence of a deer who somehow managed to gain entrance. No damage was done and the animal has not returned. The burning of cuttings has been completed and donations continue in very generous amounts.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill - the beach access route has been cleared and a new Canada flag was found in storage negating the need to purchase one. The Reading Centre Society has notified us that they will be installing a new toilet in the staff room at their expense. The bad news in Bill's report is the fact that riders and horses are once again being seen in the Park. It is time to remind everyone that horses are not permitted in any Park property or on any Park trail because of the damage their hoofs do to the surfaces and the manure left behind.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network reports from Bill and Peter -
 - a. Peter advised gravel has now been applied to the new spur trail to the pond and that the new hiking and trails brochure is being very well received. There is a chance a staff member from the Conservancy will be available for the Commonality Meeting Field Trip.
 - b. Bill reported that construction has now started on the Vulture Ridge stairway project as the contractor has provided proof of insurance.
- V. Village Bay Park - no report.

9. **Adjourn: Moved** by Liz, seconded by Jerry B, to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at the Library on Wednesday, July 10 at 3:15 pm.