



MIPRC Minutes - July 10, 2013

The July meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 and was called to order at 3:16 pm.

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

1. **Approval of agenda:** moved by Jerry B, seconded by Peter, that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of June minutes:** As there were no errors or omissions it was moved by Peter, seconded by Liz, that the June minutes be approved. Motion carried.
3. **Correspondence (in-coming):**
 - I. An email was received from Judi Walker on behalf of the Campbell family asking for permission to install a bench in memory of Pat Campbell. **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Peter, that a memorial bench and brass plaque be placed in Miner's Bay Park at a location chosen by the Campbell family and that all costs over \$500 be covered by the MIPRC. Motion carried.
 - II. A letter was received from the Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Program asking permission to install a metal storage cupboard in the Adachi Pavilion at Dinner Bay Park to hold emergency supplies as the Park has been designated as an Emergency Reception Centre. **Moved** by Veronica, seconded by Peter, that the SGIEP be permitted to install a rodent-proof cupboard at their expense. Motion carried.
 - III. An email was received from the Chair of the Galiano Island Parks & Recreation Commission advising that the next Commonality Meeting will be held on Galiano on Thursday, October 17, 2013.
 - IV. Commissioner Bill Duggan emailed to advise he will be away until August 15th.
 - V. An email was received from Kathie Warning advising that the brass plaque on the bench at Lighthouse Park donated by Alan and Jeanee Cheek had been defaced. **Moved** by Jerry B, seconded by Peter, that the plaque be replaced. Motion carried.
4. **Correspondence (out-going):** None
5. **Items arising from old business:**
 - I. There was no update report from the Youth Park Committee.
 - II. The Red Zone Property Committee has received an update email from the Mayne Island Conservancy advising that they are in the process of re-canvassing the affected owners to see if the long-outstanding acquisition offer for a tax receipt has any interest. More information will be forthcoming in the next few months.
 - III. The Chair of the Commonality Meeting held June 20 on Mayne Island reported that the turnout of 32 people was above expectation and the information exchanged held a lot of interest for the attendees. Additionally, the food was excellent.
 - IV. The situation of a trail trespass at the Montrose entrance to Mt. Parke Regional Park will be assessed on July 11 by a group of 4 CRD Park staff members, Dave Howe the CRD Regional Director and Commissioners Wise and Askin. A further report will be put forward at our next meeting.
 - V. An application was received from Calvin (Cal) Biem relative to the Commissioner position vacated by Doug Johnston to complete a term ending December 31, 2014. **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Peter, that Cal be extended a hearty invitation to join the MIPRC as a Commissioner. Motion carried.

6. New Business:

- I. An organizing committee consisting of Jerry B and Jerry W was established to oversee the annual Volunteer's Appreciation Dinner. The event will be held in the Adachi Pavilion in Dinner Bay Park on Thursday, August 22 starting at 4:30 pm.
- II. Jerry W reported on attending the Mayne Island School on June 26 to present the Dave Bentham Award on behalf of the MIPRC. The award includes a \$200 cash honorarium from the Commission and this year the deserving winner was Tiana Nielsen.
- III. Liz reported on the dispensing of ice cream at the Canada Day celebrations in Dinner Bay Park which went extremely well with 250 cups of ice cream and topping being served.
- IV. Veronica suggested we establish an annual calendar of events so none are forgotten. Everyone considered this a good idea and so Jerry W and Veronica will develop a draft for consideration.

7. Treasurer's Report: Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending July 10, 2013. There was on large expenditure during the period being \$13,440 paid for completion of the stairway project on the Vulture Ridge Trail in Henderson Park. **Moved** by Jerry W, seconded by Liz, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Park Reports:

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - the Adachi Pavilion has been power washed and a new coat of stain applied. Two volunteers have come forward offering to look after the putting green. However, because the summer is halfway through, a decision has been made to mow the area with regular mowers and use it as a pitch 'n putt. Doug McNeill, who does a great job as a volunteer mowing Miner's Bay Park, has located an individual who offers repair work on John Deere equipment and will come to the Island. Good use will be made of this service. The mobile stage has been put together and is ready for use. The roof of the Pavilion needs pressure washing but as this is a young person job it will be contracted out. Also, the beach stairway will be pressure washed and the wire mesh repaired. It is intended to install the new Green Cone food digester where the flagpole used to be located.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - the size of the crowds touring the garden is growing and donations continue in generous amounts. The major work now being undertaken is an effort to remove invasive weeds from the large pond that are choking out the ornamental plants intended to grow there.
- III. Miner's Bay Park - no report
- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network report from Peter - the final inspection on the new stairway project has been completed and it was found that the work was done in an exemplary fashion. The contractor's invoice has been approved for payment which was completed as per the Treasurer's report above. There is a mature Fir tree giving too much shade to a Garry Oak and so the Fir will be trimmed. The plan is to hire Mark Aitken to do the work. In another ½ acre area, the Scotch Broom needs to be removed and a contractor will be hired to do this.
- V. Village Bay Park - no report.

9. Adjourn: **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Veronica, to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting, scheduled for **Friday**, August 16, will actually be two meetings back-to-back starting at 5:00 pm at **Church House**. The first will be a dinner meeting (food and liquid refreshments provided) with the specific task of considering applications for Recreation funding - or recreation services purchases. This meeting will be followed at approximately 6:30 with our regular monthly meeting.