



MIPRC Minutes - August 16, 2013

The August meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at Church House on Friday, August 16, 2013 and was called to order at 6:02 pm.

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

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

2. **Approval of July minutes:** a spelling error on page 2 was corrected. It was then moved by Liz, seconded by Bill, that the July minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

3. Correspondence (in-coming):

- I. An email was received from Allen Evans, Secretary of the Lions Club, concerning use of the Peter Archer stage by a wedding party. Commission approval had been given previously by the Chair.
- II. A letter was received from Dennis Akey expressing interest in volunteering as a Parks Commissioner. A response will be sent expressing a hearty "thank you" and advising Dennis his letter will be kept on file.
- III. An email was received from Helen O'Brian enclosing a copy of her letter to the MIID concerning the fire hazard sign in Emma & Felix Jack Park. A response had already been sent advising Helen that the sign was not within the Park boundary.
- IV. An email was received from Bill Warning with kudos concerning the new stairway on the Neil Road access trail.

4. **Correspondence (out-going):** a letter was sent to the SGI Emergency Program confirming a motion passed at the July meeting giving approval to a rodent-proof storage cupboard being installed in the kitchen at the Adachi Pavilion to hold emergency supplies.

5. Items arising from old business:

- I. Christie reported on behalf of the Youth Park Committee that the recent survey results have just about been compiled and will be presented shortly.
- II. There was no report from the Red Zone Property Committee as they are awaiting an update from the Conservancy.
- III. A site visit has been completed by CRD Parks staff concerning a trail trespass at the Montrose Road entrance to Mt. Parke Regional Park. A CRD work crew will be on-island August 26 to build a new trail within Park property. A similar situation at the Kim Road entrance will be addressed during the CRD's 2014 work year.
- IV. The organizing committee reports that everything is in readiness for the Volunteer's Appreciation Dinner to be held August 22.
- V. The Campbell family has advised that while they are appreciative of Parks' offer to contribute to the expense of a remembrance bench for Pat, they will cover the entire cost.

6. **New Business:** there was a discussion concerning T-shirts for Commissioners. Moved by Peter, seconded by Christie, that a committee be formed to create a design and find a supplier for updated Commissioner T-shirts. Motion carried. Veronica and Christie volunteered to be the committee members.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending August 16, 2013. It was a quiet month with only one large expenditure being \$14,500 paid to the contractor for completion of the stairway project on the Neil Road access trail. Moved by Christie, seconded by Peter, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Park Reports:

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - installing the Green Cone food digesters, which need to have the bottom 2 feet buried in the ground, has been difficult due to extremely hard soil conditions. A possible solution is a new power tool available for rent at the Home Hardware that is specifically designed to break up this sort of soil. Cal has done a tremendous job in re-staining the Pavilion. There has been no grass cutting due to the extreme fire hazard conditions but the heat has also made the grass go dormant. The "Fireman's Pole" in the playground needs repairs which will be looked after. The steel mesh on the stairway to the beach still needs to be replaced.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - it has been gratifying for the volunteers to see tour buses starting to stop at the Garden with the visitors enjoying their efforts. Donations are continuing to be received in generous amounts.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill - a new flag is now flying from the pole. And as is the case at Dinner Bay, the grass has not needed cutting. Paul Van Giesen, whose family manages the TruValue store, has proven himself to be very competent at repairing / servicing small gasoline motors including John Deere equipment and so he is looking after Park mowers, trimmers, etc. It was noticed by a resident that most of the nuts from the bolts that hold the roof support posts in place at the Gazebo had been removed. The nuts will be replaced and tightened to the extent that vandals cannot easily remove them. An additional key will be cut for the Library basement door.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network report from Peter - the Neil Road stairway project has been completed. A great job was done by the contractor Elliot Brady. He has offered to install additional bracing if necessary to correct a slight "wobble" in the final run of stairs. A brush fire in the area of Henderson Park has emphasized the necessity to keep brush such as Scotch Broom under control. With that in mind, a Bobcat operator will be hired to remove the broom from a triangular section of land at the bottom of the Park. Additionally, Mark Aitken will be asked to do some tree-trimming.
- V. Village Bay Park - no report but Cal has volunteered to take on responsibility for its oversight.

9. Adjourn: Moved by Peter, seconded by Jerry B, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, September 11 at the Library. Veronica advised that she will have to attend via telephone.