



MIPRC Minutes - September 11, 2013

The September meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 and was called to order at 3:17 pm.

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

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

2. **Approval of minutes:**

- I. Two sets of minutes needed to be approved. The first were those relating to a special meeting held to consider recreational services suppliers. As there were no errors or omissions it was **moved** by Veronica, seconded by Cal, that the August minutes of the special meeting be approved. Motion carried.
- II. The meeting next considered the minutes of our regular meeting. As there were no errors or omissions it was **moved** by Bill, seconded by Peter, that the August minutes of our regular meeting be approved. Motion carried.

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

- I. An email was received from Green Approach Turf & Lawn Care Products Ltd. containing information about various lawn care products.
- II. An email was received from Michael Dunn (MI Conservancy) re: Red Zone properties

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

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

- I. Youth Park Committee - no report
- II. Peter reported on behalf of the Red Zone committee by tabling an email from Michael Dunn of the MI Conservancy reporting that encouraging progress is being made in that four property owners representing 5 lots have responded positively to the idea of donating their land.
- III. Veronica tabled a draft of a calendar of annual Park events which when finalized will be a huge help in organizing and planning MIPRC activities.
- IV. Veronica also advised the meeting on her research into acquiring new Commissioner's shirts. The same supplier that was used a few years ago is still in business and will be contacted to provide information on pricing, etc. She will also contact a possible supplier on-Island.
- V. Jerry W reported on behalf of the organizing committee for the Volunteer's Appreciation Dinner. Approximately 80 volunteers and guests were served a delicious supper.
- VI. The next Commonality Meeting will be held October 17 on Galiano. Three Commissioners have confirmed their attendance with 2 more in the "possible" category.
- VII. The additional information that was requested from 2 providers of recreational services to support their applications was considered. **Moved** by Cal, seconded by Liz, that the applications to provide recreational services received from the MI Early Childhood Society in the amount of \$1,000 and from the Trincomali Community Arts Council (MI Chapter) in the amount of \$1,400 be approved. Motion carried.

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6. New Business:

- I. Jerry W reported that the MIPRC will again provide ice-cream and toppings for the participants in the annual Terry Fox Run to be held September 15.
- II. With Peter going away, Jerry W volunteered to author the next "Notes from the Park Bench" column for the MayneLiner.

7. Treasurer's Report: Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending September 11, 2013. It was a quiet month with only one large expenditure of \$16,575 representing funds committed so far to purchase recreation services. Cal inquired as to the disposition of unused operating funds at year-end. Jerry W explained that with the assistance of CRD staff he can usually arrange to have these monies carried forward into the next fiscal year by having the total transferred to uncommitted Capital Funds for major projects. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Park Reports:

- I. Dinner Bay Park - no report.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - the Garden is doing well and donations are continuing to be received in generous amounts.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill - new nuts have been placed on the support posts for the Bandstand roof and tightened to the point it will be difficult for anyone to remove them. With the grass being dormant not much maintenance has been necessary. The Pat Campbell memorial bench is not yet installed but the location has been chosen. A new key has been cut for the Library basement door so we now have a spare.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network report from Peter and Bill - the Scotch Broom clearing initiative along the base of Henderson Hill in Henderson Park is 80% complete. It is a relief to get this extreme fire-load under control. Additionally, new non-slip galvanized steel mesh has been installed on the stairways in Henderson Park and at the Neil Road viewpoint stairway. This leaves the Plumper Pass stairway and the one at Dinner Bay Park still to be done. The Trail Guardians are doing a superb job in keeping brush under control.
- V. Village Bay Park report from Cal - the Park has been tidied up and all is good with the exception of the pit toilet. Cal feels that the time is ripe for a pump-out. It was agreed that Gulf Island Tank Services will be asked to look after this along with the Pit Toilet at Henderson Park.

9. Adjourn: **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Veronica, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, October 9 at the Library.