



MIPRC Minutes - October 9, 2013

The October meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 and was called to order at 3:20 pm.

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

Late arrivals: Christie Meers (3:25 pm) Peter Askin (3:30 pm)

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

2. **Approval of minutes:** after an erroneous statement on page 2 of the September minutes was deleted, it was moved by Bill, seconded by Veronica, that the September minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

3. **Correspondence (in-coming):** an email was received advising that a group wished to donate a slightly used brush cutter to the Commission. Jerry B volunteered to check out the unit and make a decision as to whether or not it was something we could use.

4. **Correspondence (out-going):** an email was sent to the CRD parks department thanking them for the fast action and excellent work in correcting the trail trespass at the Montrose Road entrance to Mt. Parke Regional Park. A new pathway and boardwalk has been constructed.

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

- I. Citizens Ad Hoc Youth Park Committee - no report. The survey results are still being tabulated.
- II. Red Zone committee - no report as there is no additional news at this point.
- III. The calendar of annual Park events and planning requirements has now been finalized.
- IV. Veronica provided an update on her research into acquiring new Commissioner's shirts. A lot of work has been done which she condensed into three options. Additionally, Jim Traversy of Alea Design & Print will be able to provide the necessary art work to have the MIPRC logo stenciled onto the shirts. **Moved** by Cal, seconded by Bill, that an order be given to Great West Graphics in Vancouver to provide 25 dark green jersey T-shirts from American Apparel in various sizes at a cost of \$16.50 each including the logo printed in one colour in the left chest area. Motion carried.
- V. A total of 5 Commissioners will be attending the Commonality Meeting being held on Galiano Island on Thursday, October 17.

6. **New Business:** our sponsorship of the "Tides Table" page in the monthly MayneLiner magazine at an annual cost of \$1,000 was reviewed. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Jerry B, that our sponsorship be continued through the year 2014 at which point it will again be reviewed. Motion carried.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending October 9, 2013. He advised that all the cheques for the purchase of recreational services have been received from the CRD and distributed to the various organizations who applied. **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Bill, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Park Reports:

- I. Dinner Bay Park from Jerry B - the new Green Cone food digester is not yet working as advertised. An assortment of meat, fish and other scraps were put in it after the Lion's salmon BBQ but apart from an unpleasant odor nothing is happening. A padlock will be kept on it so it will be for use of Park personnel only. As far as the public is concerned, our continuing policy will be for groups to take away all their food scraps with them. A clean-up of wind-blown branches has been completed and a burn permit has been obtained. The putting green area will now be maintained using regular mowers. The specialized one is once again refusing to start and it's not worth spending a lot of money trying to fix it. The area will be ok for "pitch 'n putt" use. A discussion ensued about types of new picnic tables which are definitely needed. A decision was made to purchase two tables made from a resin material which are more expensive. If they do not disappear mysteriously in the middle of the night then consideration can be given to purchasing more of them.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - planning has started relative to lighting strategies for the Christmas season. A contractor will be hired to prune branches that cannot be easily reached.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill - the Terry Fox Run was again a huge success with Parks providing ice cream treats. The only negative was the toilet overflow in the Library washrooms. However, thanks to a huge effort from our maintenance staff along with Tyler Poulin plumbing, the situation was soon fixed. Bill and Jerry B will get together to complete the installation of the Pat Campbell memorial bench.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network report from Peter and Bill - a bridge has been re-built on the Doreen McLeod memorial trail. Peter will be contacting the CRD property department for advice on how the CRD / MIPRC can obtain ownership / stewardship of a small triangle of undesignated land in the SE portion of the Park. The pump-out of the pit toilet has been arranged. It has been brought to our attention that the metal sign directing people to the Mary Jeffery Park and Lowland Nature Trail needs a clean-up. Non-slip galvanized steel mesh will soon be installed on the Plumper Pass trail stairways.
- V. Village Bay Park report from Cal - the pit toilet will be pumped out at the same time as Henderson Park. A gas-powered line cutter will be purchased for use in the park and stored at Dinner Bay.

9. Adjourn: Moved by Liz, seconded by Peter, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, November 13 at the Library.