



MIPRC Minutes - December 11, 2013

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

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

Absent: Christie Meers Liz Howard

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

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

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

- I. An Email was received from the CRD Property Department advising that Lot 8 on Mt. Parke which houses numerous cel phone antennas and radar installations has been sold.
- II. An email was received from Christie advising that she could not attend today's meeting because of her busy schedule which is also forcing her to considering resigning.

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

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

- I. Citizens Ad Hoc Youth Park Committee – no report.
- II. Red Zone committee – moved by Peter, seconded by Bill, that the meeting go in-camera to discuss confidential details of the property situation. Motion carried.
- III. There will be a total of 12 people attending the Commissioner's Christmas Dinner.

6. **New Business:**

- I. The election of Officers for 2014 was completed. The following individuals have been elected by acclamation to the positions shown: Chair – Jerry W; Alternate Chair – Bill; Secretary/Treasurer – Jerry W.
- II. Peter reported on the ramifications of the sale of Lot 8. The road to the property traverses a corner of Plumper Pass Community Park thereby giving the MIPRC control over access to the property because of trespass laws. The change in ownership gives the CRD, on behalf of the MIPRC, an opportunity to negotiate easements with all the users of the road and the property. It might also be possible to put tree protection covenants in place along with formalizing trail locations.
- III. Jerry W reported on a recent meeting with the ETGI Trails Committee. They are considering creating a registered Trails Society structured along the same lines as the Galiano Trails Society to facilitate fund raising and the execution of land use agreements with various land owners. The building of a pedestrian and cycling pathway alongside Village Bay Road between Village Bay and Miner's Bay is now their number one priority.
- IV. The list of Christmas gift certificate recipients was updated. These are individuals who donate time and equipment far in excess of what would be expected of a volunteer. **Moved** by Jerry B, seconded by Bill, to purchase 6 gift certificates in the amount of \$100 each from the Springwater Hotel. Motion carried.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending December 11, 2013. It was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Jerry B, to accept the report as presented. Motion Carried.

Veronica had to leave the meeting at 4:30 pm.

8. **Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B – the water lines to the Pavilion have been blown empty and sealed for the winter. The same was done for the putting green although that line might not be completely empty. All the fallen leaves have been cleared up. A high-tech, non-slip, long-wearing matting has been ordered for the beach stairway which has now been pressure-washed. The portable stage has been stored away for winter. The tractor will need servicing in the spring.
- II. Japanese Garden – no report.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill – the lights have been put up on the community Christmas tree. A meeting is being scheduled with the Library Board to develop plans for additional storage in the basement. The level of washroom cleanliness is continuing as "acceptable". The Pat Campbell memorial bench has now been installed.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network report from Peter – the Scotch Broom removal program is again going forward thanks to an agreement with Matt Taylor to take over the work. Once all the debris has been properly piled a burn permit will be applied for subject to a site inspection by the Fire Chief. An updated land survey of the "triangle" area will be undertaken prior to the completion of the broom removal to ensure we are confining our activity to the "triangle" perimeter. There have been reports of a large fallen tree high up the viewpoint trail in Plumper Pass Community Park. It will be removed. Plans are underway to develop up to three new beach access points during 2014.
- V. Village Bay Park report from Cal – a full clean-up has been completed during which it became apparent that the ditch at the head of the Park requires a build-up so that the landscaping grade throughout this "pocket Park" will be continuous. The on-site "wishing well" will be spruced up with fresh paint and new shingles. Also, a steel safety mesh will be installed to stop anyone falling down it.

9. **Adjourn: Moved** by Bill, seconded by Peter, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, January 8 at the Library.

