



MIPRC Minutes - April 9, 2014

The April meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, April 9 and was called to order at 3:17 pm.

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

1. **Adoption of agenda:** moved by Liz, seconded by Peter, that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.
2. **Guests:** Tina Farmilo and David Lindquest presented information on behalf of the Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council, supported by the Library Reading Centre Board, relative to a proposal to construct an extension to the Library building to create a gallery and multi-use space. The group would look after fund-raising, design and construction.
3. **Approval of March minutes:** as there were no errors or omissions it was moved by Jerry B, seconded by Veronica, that the March minutes be approved. Motion carried.
4. **Correspondence (in-coming):** None
5. **Correspondence (out-going):** None
6. **Items arising from old business:**
 - I. The final head count of Commissioners attending the Pender Island commonality meeting scheduled for May 22 is three plus one more possible.
 - II. Liz reported that preparations for the kid's Easter festivities on April 20 are on track. Supplies for all the goodie-bags have been purchased and an adequate number of volunteers have come on board.
 - III. A discussion took place as to how the MIPRC could support the Mayne Island Pathways Initiative in its efforts to construct a pedestrian / bicycle trail between Miner's Bay and Village Bay. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, that the best we can do at this early stage is to offer a letter of support. Motion carried.
 - IV. The search for a new Commissioner is ongoing as the advertisement in the March issue of the MayneLiner has not yielded any results. Rather than repeat the advertisement a decision was made to rely on person-to-person recruitment efforts for the time being.
7. **New Business:**
 - I. A discussion took place on the subject of waiving rental fees for use of the kitchen in the Adachi Pavilion. It was decided, that effective immediately, the rental fee would only be waived for on-Island non-profit groups. However, it was felt that the need for a damage deposit could be waived on a case-by-case basis.
 - II. There was a generally positive reaction to the concept presented by our guests but a discussion took place as to how best to proceed. It was decided that the first order of business would be to locate the Library septic tank. If it is close to the west side of the building where the logical extension site is located then we can go no further as the structure would require a cement slab foundation. If we can move on, then the next step would be to develop design concepts.

8. Additional Business:

- I. The CRD Parks department will shortly be starting the construction of a new entrance and service road into Mt. Parke Regional Park from the end of Kim Road which will remove some areas of trespass on private property and allow vehicle access to the pit toilets. The Mayne Island Conservancy Society has asked for permission to organize a volunteer work party to rescue any native plant stock from the new road right-of-way and re-distribute them to other areas of the Island. There was wholehearted agreement with this plan and permission was granted.
- II. The Conservancy has also notified us that they will be conducting an Island-wide songbird survey from April to June involving the establishment of semi-permanent plots that will be re-visited in 5 years to try and detect changes in songbird abundance and diversity. They have asked for permission to install five plots in Plumper Pass Community Park and one plot in Chu-an Park which would involve the nailing of a 1" diameter metal survey tag to a tree at the centre of each plot. The tags would be nailed in such a manner that they can be pulled out in 5 years time and re-set to prevent harming the tree. Permission was granted.
- III. The Mayne Island Boaters Association has notified us that on April 27 they will be presenting a free seminar in Dinner Bay Park, hosted by a representative of the Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue organization, to explain the Pleasure Craft Safety Check program. The Association has been given use of the Adachi Pavilion.

9. Treasurer's Report: Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending April 9, 2014 which again reflects a quiet month. Expenses to date for the kid's Easter festivities amount to \$485 which is lower than last year and well within budget. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Jerry B, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

10. Park Reports:

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B – all the land is drying out nicely from recent rains, the fences have been cleaned and so has the Pavilion kitchen. However, rodents might continue to be a problem until some method is found to stop them getting in around the roll-up steel doors. Grass seed has been purchased to re-seed some bare spots. The putting green mower needs repairs once again and as it was originally purchased second-hand and it has given years of service it will be retired. A new mower will be purchased to cut the putting green as well as other areas of the Park. New posts for the volleyball court are on order. Also, the horseshoe pits will need to be rebuilt and materials have been ordered. The Lions club has developed a plan to construct a sturdy lean-to at the rear of their storage building to house some of their supplies as well as Park material. **Moved** by Jerry B, seconded by Peter, that the MIPRC split the cost of the structure 50/50 to a maximum contribution of \$900. Motion carried. The topic was raised of a senior's outdoor exercise centre modeled on a smaller version of the one beside the Library in Sydney. **Moved** by Jerry B, seconded by Liz, that as the idea in principal has merit, we should start investigating the cost for such a facility to be constructed in Miner's Bay Park. Motion carried. There has been one instance of minor vandalism in the men's washroom but all-in-all the Park is in good shape.

- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz – new plants have been purchased and planted. Additionally, sections of old bamboo fence are being replaced with new fence panels which are a lot sturdier in design and construction. The public will be invited to “sponsor” a specific panel for a price of \$80 which would include their name being put on a small plaque affixed to the panel. A large stone lantern has been donated to the garden and Gary Akey has volunteered to remove an area of wild roses with his mini-excavator.
- III. Miner’s Bay Park report from Bill – spring is here and the grass has started to grow. The first mowing will have to be done soon. Also, the flowers have started to bloom with kudos being received from passersby. Thanks go to the Garden Club volunteers who look after the gardens. The lights have been taken down from the large community Christmas tree thanks to another dedicated group of volunteers. Mike Nadeau has been engaged to clean all the gutters and the washrooms continue to be kept in an acceptable state of cleanliness. All the outside lights that work on a motion sensor are now operating correctly.

Veronica had to leave the meeting at 4:35 pm in order to catch her Ferry home.

- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network report from Peter and Bill – the 2014 version of the Hiking and Walking Trail Map is getting closer to being printed. The mock-up is now being created. Peter attended the Miner’s Bay / Village Bay pathway open house as the MIPRC liaison person and found the amount of interest from the community and off-Island visitors to be very encouraging. A work party has already cleared the new Sykes Road beach access trail and materials are on hand to finish the job. Appropriate signs have been ordered. Additionally, the land survey to locate the pins relative to the planned Edith Point Road beach access has been successfully completed. Scotch Broom removal efforts in various locations throughout the Island are continuing to go well. The CRD Parks Department has advised that the work planned for the Kim Road access to Mt. Parke Regional Park will start in May with a 3 metre wide by 79 metre long service road being constructed to the existing Pit Toilet location. The new access will also correct a trespass situation where the existing trail wanders onto private property in a couple of areas. As mentioned in section (8)(I) above, Mayne Island Conservancy volunteers will embark on a native plant rescue operation on the right-of-way prior to the start of construction. The planned construction projects on the Kadonaga Bay Beach access trail will soon get underway. A decision has been made to install non-slip steel mesh on the stairways but not on the Boardwalk. The Kippen Road stairway to the beach will be lowered in the next week or so.
- V. Village Bay Park – no report but Peter advised that the plan to install a temporary culvert to allow movement of gravel will not be necessary.

11. **Adjourn:** moved by Liz, seconded by Jerry B, to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, May 14 at the Library.



TREASURER'S REPORT TO APRIL 9, 2014

(A) OP. FUNDS - Maint., Impr. & Equip.

Expenses	Opening Budget	Total Deposits & Tfrs	Expenses & Project Allocations to Jan 8	Expenses & Budget Adjustments to Feb 12	Expenses to Mar 12	Expenses to Apr 9	Remaining Budget
Dinner Bay	17,100	0	298	984	279	450	15,089
Miner's Bay	14,400	0	217	314	572	660	12,637
Village Bay	3,800	0	63	0	126	141	3,470
Henderson	7,900	0	63	383	4,095	142	3,217
Trails Network	13,100	0	0	568	23	625	11,884
Equipment	3,200	0	0	0	0	0	3,200
CRD Charges	8,900	0	0	0	440	0	8,460
All Other Expenses	10,300	1,200	37	529	577	678	9,679
Totals	78,700	1,200	678	2,778	6,112	2,696	67,636
	Bank Balance						New Bank Balance
Japanese Garden	11,374	1,675	18	192	106	751	11,982
	Opening Budget						Remaining Budget
(B) RECREATION FUNDS	27,840	1,273	0	0	0	485	28,628
(C) UNALLOCATED CAP. FUNDS	44,397	32,160	28,000	15,390	0	0	33,167
Projects:							
Kadonaga Bay boardwalk - project CX.069.2005.66			0	12,000	0	0	12,000
Kadonaga Bay top stairway - project CX.069.2006.66			0	8,000	0	0	8,000
Kadonaga Bay bottom stairway - project CX.069.2007.66			0	8,000	0	0	8,000
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(D) EQUIP. REPLACEMENT RESERVE	16,320	0	0	0	0	0	16,320