



## MIPRC Minutes - May 14, 2013

The May meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, May 14 and was called to order at 3:16 pm.

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

1. **Adoption of agenda:** the agenda was revised slightly in order to accommodate an audience member who was interested in learning more about the Edith Point Road beach access currently under development. **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Veronica, that the revised agenda be adopted. Motion carried.
2. **Edith Point Road beach access update from Peter:** good progress is being made in working through the beach access development protocols. All items on the required development check-list have been fulfilled and the site plan has been finalized. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Dennis, that the MIPRC complete the beach access on the permitted right-of-way at the eastern end of Edith Point Road. The improvements will consist of a 76 meter trail, a bench on the foreshore to afford the public relaxation and wildlife viewing, along with appropriate signage. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by July 1, 2014. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of April minutes:** a minor wording error in the Dinner Bay Park report was corrected. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Jerry B, that the revised April minutes be approved. Motion carried.
4. **Correspondence (in-coming):**
  - I. Several emails have been received from CRD staff relative to the sale of Lot 8 on Mt. Parke.
  - II. An email was received from CRD staff re: list of assets.
5. **Correspondence (out-going):**
  - I. Application forms have been sent to all the organizations that applied for recreational funding in 2013.
  - II. An email was sent to Alea Design re: placing an ad relative to recreational funding applications.
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.
  - II. The gallery extension to the Library building proposed by the SGIAC is on hold while we find the exact location of the septic tanks. Site plans have been obtained from VIHA, dating back to when the sewage system was approved, which show a total of 3 tanks approximately 25 feet west of the current structure. Matt Taylor has been retained to locate the tanks and uncover the lids which should be done at the beginning of June. The tanks will then be pumped out and serviced and a decision will be made at our next meeting as to whether or not the SGIAC proposal can move forward.

- III. The search for a new Commissioner to fill the current vacancy is not yet producing any results and so we will continue it.
- IV. Negotiations with the new owners of Lot 8 at the top of Mt. Parke, where all the communications and radar towers are located, are continuing with CRD staff acting on behalf of the MIPRC. A decision to replace the gate across the access road, or not, that was destroyed during the winter and limits access to the property will be included in the negotiations.
- V. The calendar of annual events has been updated and revised.

**7. New Business:**

- I. The list of assets assigned to the MIPRC including buildings, equipment and infrastructure projects has been updated.
- II. An advertisement has been placed in the June and July issues of the MayneLiner advising that applications for recreational funding must be received by July 18.

**8. Treasurer's Report:** Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending May 14, 2014. Recent purchases of equipment for Dinner Bay Park have been charged to the equipment ledger rather than to the Park budget. **Moved** by Dennis, seconded by Jerry B, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**9. Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B – the Lions Club has decided to move forward with the construction of additional covered storage behind their existing building. The structure will be free-standing. Several “weed-eaters” have reached the end of their useful life and will be retired. A used, specialized greens mower was located for sale at a Vancouver Island golf club and after being checked out was purchased. The staff was very helpful in providing information on greens maintenance and fertilizer usage. The cups are now installed at the putting green. The stairway to the beach still needs some minor repair work which will be completed before mid-June as will the rebuilding of the horseshoe pitch.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz – the cherry blossoms have come and gone and now the volunteers are concentrating on curtailing the unplanned spread of some bamboo plants. Various methods are being considered to remove a huge build-up of silt at the bottom of the pond. Something will have to be done soon as the silt is now about 4 feet deep. The new fencing panels will be going up soon and Garden supporters are going to be offered the opportunity to have their name put on a brass plaque on a panel for \$100. Cigarette butts have been seen on the pathways and consideration is being given to placing ashtrays at strategic locations.
- III. Miner's Bay Park – no report but the locating and uncovering of the septic tanks will take place on Bill's return.

- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network report from Peter – the company based in New Westminster that has been supplying signs for some time is having difficulty and we may have to switch to a supplier in Sydney. The work planned by the CRD to widen and straighten the Regional Park entrance trail at the end of Kim Road has not yet commenced. The new construction being carried out on the Kadonaga Bay Beach access trail is proceeding. The long boardwalk is now finished with the work being of very high quality. A start will be made on the stairways in the next week or so. The Isabella Lane / Sykes Road beach access trail is now complete and a trail guardian has been appointed. At some point in the future a flight of steps will have to be built at one particularly steep section of trail. The final draft of the new hiking brochure has been approved.
- V. Village Bay Park – no report as there is no Commissioner presently providing oversight of the Park. However Peter advised that he will call for a work party when the gravel is ready to be moved on site. The pit toilets at this Park and at Henderson Park are being kept very clean.

10. **Adjourn:** moved by Liz, seconded by Peter, to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, June 11 at the Library.

