



MIPRC Minutes - June 11, 2013

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

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

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

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

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

- I. An email was received from the MI Conservancy staff advising that summer interns were transplanting Northern Starflower from the construction site of the widened Mt. Parke Regional Park service road off Kim Road.
- II. An email was received from CRD staff re: the start date of the new service road.

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

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

- I. Jerry W reported on presentations made at the recent Commonality Meeting on Pender:
 - a) CRD Alternate Director Sylvia Olsen talked about the local First Nations people wanting to re-establish historic reef-net fishing sites in various areas surrounding the Southern Gulf Islands.
 - b) CRD Senior Manager Legislative Services Sonia Santarrosa updated the meeting on various governance issues but also advised that the bylaw covering tele-conferencing had been amended. One Commission member is now able to attend a meeting via telephone and be counted as though they were there in person allowing that person to vote on motions.
 - c) Pender Commissioner Jim Stafford, who is also a professional archaeologist, provided the meeting with critical information on various archaeological sites and artifact locations on the west coast, including the Southern Gulf Islands. He cautioned that when constructing trails and beach access pathways we should always be on the lookout for ancient First Nations disposal sites known as middens and halt work if one is found pending clearance from the Provincial Archaeological Branch.
- II. Bill advised that work on locating the Library septic tanks will commence during the week starting June 16th. This information is critical to the Library building extension being proposed by the SGIAC.
- III. Jerry W advised that the search for a new Commissioner to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Cal Biem has still not been successful. We will keep up the search.

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- IV. Negotiations between the CRD, acting on behalf of the MIPRC, and SBA Corp., the new owners of Lot 8 on the top of Mt. Parke, covering road access are still on-going.

6. New Business:

- I. The date for the 2014 Volunteer's Appreciation Dinner has been set as Thursday, August 21. Also, Jerry W reminded everyone that our Commission meeting on August 13 will start later in the day at 5:00 pm and at a different venue being Church House so that Recreation Funding applications can be considered over a light dinner prior to the commencement of our regular meeting.
- II. The MI Garden Club, which has an unofficial Stewardship Agreement covering Emma and Felix Jack Park, is in a quandary because of the retirement of the individual who looked after the Park's maintenance and who did a fantastic job. Their concern was reaching the point where Club members were thinking they may have to relinquish their involvement with the Park and that would be a huge loss. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, that as an interim solution we will hire Bill Warning to look after maintenance in the park, including mowing and line trimming, whenever he feels it is necessary for a fee of \$200 each time the work is done. Motion carried.
- III. It was confirmed that adequate plans are in place covering the serving of ice cream at the upcoming Canada Day celebrations in Dinner Bay Park.

7. Treasurer's Report: Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending June 11, 2014. He mentioned that a generous donation has been received from one of the groups having their wedding in the Japanese Garden. **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Peter, 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 new fence panels are now being installed on the east side of the Garden and can be sponsored at \$100 per panel. Solutions to remove a serious build-up of silt in the pond are still being investigated
- III. Miner's Bay Park – the janitorial agreement with Mike Bullis will be renewed for another year at the same rates. As mentioned in item (5)(II), the work to uncover the septic tanks will start during the week of June 16. Once located, access risers will be installed and the tanks will be serviced. It is anticipated the work will be completed by July 1st and also, a decision can be made as to how we proceed with the building extension proposed by the SGIAC. Some peripheral areas of the Park need to be tidied up with a weed-eater and Dennis has very kindly volunteered to look after this.

- IV. Henderson Park / Trail Network report from Peter and Bill – the Sykes Road beach access is nearing completion as a work party has now constructed / improved a retaining wall. The Edith Point beach access will be completed by July 1st with the installation of a bench. Also, existing trails, that form part of this access route, will be expanded. The land survey has been finished for the new Wilkes Road beach access and the standard notification letter will be sent to the surrounding property owners in the next 2 weeks or so. There is a need for 2 new heavy duty weed-eaters and so funding will have to be allocated. The boardwalk on the Doreen McLeod trail in Henderson Park has been finished and the 3 new construction projects on the Kadonaga Beach access trail have also been completed with the cost coming in below budget. Steel mesh has been installed and the quality of work has been put in the “excellent” category. The trash piles adjacent to the Kippen Road beach access have been cleared away.
- V. Village Bay Park – no report as there is no Commissioner presently providing oversight of the Park but Peter advised that the work party to move the load of new gravel fill has been postponed until fall.

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

The next meeting will be held at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, July 9 at the Library. Bill has advised that he will be unable to attend.

