



MIPRC Minutes - September 10, 2013

The September meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, September 10 and was called to order at 3:16 pm.

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

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

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

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

- I. An email was received from the Pender Otters Swim Club
- II. An email was received from the Mayne School PAC

4. **Correspondence (out-going):** a letter was sent to the CRD Finance Department requesting a tax receipt be sent to the donor of a Brush Cutter.

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

- I. Additional information requested from both the Pender Otters Swim Club and the Mayne School PAC relative to their applications for recreation funding was received and considered. **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Jerry B, that both of these recreation funding applications in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$3,000 respectively now be approved. Motion carried. It was decided that next April when the 2015 application form is sent to the Mayne School PAC we would ask for a simple, informal financial report detailing the PAC's total revenue for 2014, including our funding, and an itemized list of how those funds were disbursed.
- II. Jerry W reported on the Volunteer's appreciation dinner which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and a complete success. He noted the interesting fact that even though the number of guests seems to remain approximately the same each year the amount of alcohol consumed is dropping.
- III. The brush cutter / weed-eater that was donated to the Commission was judged to be in very good condition and a value of \$200 was agreed on for tax receipt purposes.

6. **New Business:**

- I. Jerry W reported that the ice cream, cups, spoons, smarties and sundae toppings for the Terry Fox Run participants have all been ordered from Tru Value and will be held in the store for pick-up on run day, September 13 by the volunteers.
- II. As some Commissioner's calendars are starting to fill up for December a date of Friday, December 12 has been set for the Commissioner's Christmas dinner.
- III. Michael Dunn of the Conservancy passed along some information concerning one of the red zone lots on Wood Dale Drive. The owner seems to be serious about donating the property to a worthy organization and so it was decided that when Peter returns from his holiday in early October as many Commissioners as possible would go on a field trip and have a look at it. If it seems to have potential the next step would be to contact the CRD property department to see if there are any impediments in their view to possibly creating a "pocket Park" at the site.

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- IV. Peter mentioned that it was brought to his attention by our CRD Director that Commissioners should not be appointed to more than three successive terms. The exact wording as set out in CRD By-Law No. 3488 dated November 14, 2007 is that “no appointee may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms” but “at the request of the Electoral Area Director, and under unique circumstances such as a failure to attract nominations after thirty (30) days of appropriate notice of vacancy, the Regional Board may extend a Commission member’s term beyond the six (6) year limit”. We have 2 Commissioners with terms expiring this year who have already served 4 consecutive terms or more with the same situation existing at the end of 2015. We should discuss this situation further at our next meeting and we will probably be availing ourselves of the “unique circumstances” provision.
- V. Jerry W volunteered to write the “Park Bench” column for the October Mayneliner as Peter will be off on a holiday.

7. **Treasurer’s Report:** Jerry W presented his financial report for the period ending September 10, 2014. He mentioned that the only large expense was the cost of pumping out the three septic tanks at the Library. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Jerry B, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

8. **Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B – the interest in Frisbee Golf is growing rapidly and several Islanders have come forward as volunteers to assist in creating a 9-hole plan at the Park and to look after basket installation when the time comes. A tentative layout has been designed. **Moved** by Jerry B, seconded by Peter, that nine Frisbee Golf stations be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 with funds coming from the Dinner Bay Park budget. Motion carried. Some funding may also be available from Frisbee Golf Canada. The non-slip matting should be installed on the beach access stairway in the next few weeks and some costing has been completed at the Lumber Yard relative to the new storage shed. A discussion took place about installing a donation box at the putting green to defray maintenance costs. This has merit but some Commissioners felt these expenses should come out of the regular Park budget. Everyone will give this idea some thought and a decision will be made at our next meeting.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz – the brass plaques are now available detailing the sponsors of the 24 new fence panels and will be installed shortly. Tomorrow – Thursday, September 11 – a large, tandem pumper truck will be on the ferry from Swartz Bay to carry out a test removal of silt from the pond. If all goes well a full scale removal will take place.
- III. Miner’s Bay Park report from Bill – the area where the septic tanks were uncovered and serviced still needs to be properly cleaned up and landscaped. A contractor has been engaged and work will start shortly.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter – the supply of the 2014 Hiking and Walking Trails brochure is now about 75% used up which is a very good thing. New signs have arrived for the Alan Cheek Park and will be installed shortly. Also, plans have been put in place to do some judicious pruning of trees near the Chu-an trail viewpoint to expand the quality of the view. The boardwalk forming part of the Doreen McLeod trail in Henderson Park has been extended.
- V. Village Bay Park report from Al – the rotting boards in a walkway have been replaced.

9. **Adjourn:** **moved** by Liz, seconded by Peter, to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm. Motion carried.

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

