



MIPRC Minutes - November 12, 2013

The November meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, November 12 and was called to order at 3:16 pm.

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

Absent: Liz Howard

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

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

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

- I. Email and phone call from CRD staff re: red zone properties
- II. Thank you letter from the Ladies Fitness Club
- III. Thank you card from the Terry Fox Run Organizing Committee
- IV. Email from the Mayne Islands Pathways group re: assistance with planning and constructing trails

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

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

- I. Jerry W advised the meeting that CRD staff passed along a decision that liability issues will not permit the construction of Parks in a red zone and so we will have to decline the proposed donation of a red zone property. However, there is a triangular piece of Crown land situated in Glen Echo that could possibly be transferred to either CRD Parks or the MIPRC at some point. If the Glen Echo fire access road becomes part of an Island-traversing pathway in the future, this property would be well situated as a rest area. A decision was made to put our interest in this property in writing and forward it to CRD staff.
- II. Peter reported on the Saturna Island Commonality meeting. Probably the most exciting aspect of the day was battling waves to reach Saturna. Despite the windy weather the meeting was well attended and interesting topics were discussed. The meeting decided that each Commission would consider and vote on a proposed resolution. Once the minutes of the Commonality meeting are received and the exact wording is known, the resolution will be put on our agenda.
- III. Dobra Designs of Vancouver, the manufacturer of the new tubular metal bike racks, has advised that they are ready for pick up. This will be done by Mayne Island Freight and we will then put them in storage pending installation on concrete pads. We have received a request from the Mayne Island Improvement District that we consider donating the old, flat concrete bike racks to them for use at the Health Centre. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Dennis, that the old cement bike racks be donated to the MIID who will arrange to have them picked up. Motion carried.
- IV. Jerry W advised the meeting that the Commissioner vacancies caused by term expiries and the Park Custodian contract position were advertised in the November MayneLiner but there have been no responses to date. If no one comes forward showing interest in the Custodian work we will have to develop a Plan B.

- V. CRD staff has advised that the SBA easement agreement for access to Lot 8 on Mt. Parke is moving forward toward final execution but there are two remaining issues. Islands Trust requires the Park use covenant modified to reflect the actual use of the road and the Land Title Authority requires a properly surveyed plan defining the easement area. SBA is being approached to cover the cost of the survey. Staff is hopeful that everything will be completed by years' end.
- VI. A total of 15 Commissioners and guests will attend the annual Christmas dinner scheduled for Friday, December 12.

6. **New Business:** A discussion took place concerning a small group of our volunteers who have involved themselves above and beyond our expectations and are deserving of a Christmas gift certificate. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, that five \$100 gift certificates be purchased from the Springwater hotel to be given to deserving volunteers. Motion carried.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry W presented his report for the period ending November 12, 2014. He mentioned that the only large expense was incurred at Dinner Bay Park being the cost of new Frisbee Golf equipment. **Moved** by Al, seconded by Veronica, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried. He also mentioned that during a discussion with CRD staff it was noticed that surpluses from prior capital projects were still sitting in the respective years' ledgers. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Jerry B, to return the unused portions of our 2012, 2013 and 2014 capital projects budgets amounting to a total of \$12,944 to our unallocated capital fund. Motion carried.

8. **Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B – the construction of the Frisbee Golf course is proceeding. The cement pads for the nine baskets are finished and the post sockets installed. Professional grade baskets have been purchased which can be padlocked to each base. As work progresses it is becoming obvious how popular Frisbee Golf has become. Our on-Island expert is Rob Underhill and a letter of thanks for all his assistance will be sent. The water in the storage tank was becoming cloudy from accumulated vegetable matter in the bottom and so it has been cleaned although access was very difficult. Modifications to the building housing the tank will be made so future cleaning will be easier. A decision was made to close the men's washroom for the winter season on December 2 after the Christmas lights have been installed in the Japanese Garden. The construction of the storage lean-to will begin this month and the new donation box for the putting green has been ordered.
- II. Japanese Garden – no report.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill – there is a tentative deal in place with the Capital Trees crews who are on-Island to cut back the Hydro right-of-ways that they will be able to undertake some very necessary pruning of the large community Christmas tree. Once that is completed the installation of the lights can be scheduled.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter – work on the trees that are blocking the view from the top of the Chu-an trail is moving forward. Also, a decision was made to designate a new staircase on this trail as our 2015 capital project. This will be formalized in a revised 2015 Capital budget to be presented in the spring by our Treasurer. Non-slip steel mesh has now been installed on all new structures and a recently discovered incursion into private property in Plumper Pass Park has been cured by building a by-pass trail. It is possible that our entire supply of Hiking & Walking brochures will be used up which is a good thing.
- V. Village Bay Park report from Al – the donated weed-eater has been fitted with a new blade and is working perfectly. All the grass has been mowed and trimmed.

9. **Adjourn:** **moved** by Bill, seconded by Jerry B, to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, December 10 at the Library.

