



MIPRC Minutes - December 10, 2014

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

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

Absent: Jerry Betker

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

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

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

- I. Email from Paul LeBlond, alternate CRD Director, advising that he will probably be able to attend some of our meetings.
- II. Hand-delivered copy of the new liability insurance policy covering the Library building showing the CRD as an "additional interest holder" with the policy being obtained and paid for by the Mayne Island Reading Centre Society.

4. **Correspondence (out-going):** email to CRD staff formalizing the MIPRC interest in the Glen Echo valley property "triangle".

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

- I. After discussion it was decided to strike a committee to plan the upcoming Commonality Meeting scheduled for Mayne Island in the spring - probably early May as most of April will be taken up with the Active Pass Nature Festival. The committee members are Peter, Bill and Jerry W with the first meeting to be scheduled for some time in January.
- II. Jerry W advised the meeting that no one has come forward to apply for a Commission position even though the opportunity was advertised in the MayneLiner for the entire month of November.
- III. A discussion was held concerning the Park Custodian position which, through a MayneLiner advertisement running for the month of November, asked interested contractors to submit a bid to do the work. This action was undertaken because for years the Commission has been receiving complaints concerning the general poor cleanliness of Park facilities. The complaints have been passed along to the current contractor but no improvement has ever been noticed so they need to be replaced. Three parties asked for the position specification sheet but only one, Wisdom Enterprises Ltd., submitted a bid. At this point Jerry W declared a conflict of interest and apart from providing information did not participate in the ensuing discussion. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Dennis, that effective January 1, 2015 the Park Custodian contract is awarded to Wisdom Enterprises Ltd., a company wholly owned by Geraldine Wise, wife of Jerry W, with Wisdom to complete all of the duties being tasked to the current contractor, plus some additional work, for the same rate of pay as the current contractor receives. Further, Bill is to act on behalf of the Commission in negotiating and executing the actual working agreement between the MIPRC and Wisdom. Motion carried.

6. New Business:

- I. Since the late 1990's an excess of putrid seaweed on Village Bay beach has been removed each summer and delivered to various on-Island agricultural locations by a group of volunteers and student employees operating under the umbrella of the Village Bay Improvement District ("VBID"). The overhead expenses were covered by an on-going \$5,000 grant-in-aid put in place by the SGI CRD Director. Unfortunately, the grant-in-aid funding model cannot continue and so, as a solution to allow the VBIP to carry on its work, the current CRD Director has offered to increase the tax requisition of the MIPRC by the amount of \$4,500 which would be used to allow the VBIP to carry on cleaning up the beach and thereby greatly increasing the enjoyment of people visiting Village Bay Park. After some discussion, no objections came to light and so a revised operating budget for fiscal 2015 reflecting the increased tax requisition will be prepared by the MIPRC Treasurer to be considered and voted upon.
- II. The 2-year terms of four Commissioners expire on December 31. Each has indicated they are prepared to stay on for another term. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, that Jerry B, Dennis, Al and Jerry W are appointed as MIPRC Commissioners for a 2-year term expiring on December 31, 2016. Motion carried. Each of Jerry B and Jerry W have already served 3 successive terms but as the position was advertised for a 30-day period in November and no one came forward they are continuing under the special exemption set out in the Commission's By-Laws.
- III. The election of officers was held. **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Al, that the following are elected by acclamation: Chair - Jerry W, Alternate Chair - Bill, Secretary/Treasurer - Jerry W. Motion carried. Additionally, the monthly Honorarium of \$250 paid to Jerry W was discussed. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Peter, that the monthly Honorarium of \$250 currently being paid to Jerry W in recognition of the long hours of volunteer work and professional services he donates to the Commission to complete the tasks of Secretary/Treasurer and Chair should be continued for the year 2015. Motion carried.
- IV. The Christmas Eve bonfire and sing-along in Miners Bay Park will be sponsored by the Mayne Island Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber Chair has obtained a burn permit and signed the application for CRD insurance coverage. The cost of the insurance of \$75 will be paid by the MIPRC from our recreational activities budget.

7. Treasurer's Report: Jerry W presented his report for the period ending December 10, 2014. He mentioned that the only large expense was the cost of the new bike racks which have now arrived on-Island. It was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Dennis, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

8. Park Reports:

- I. Dinner Bay Park - no report but Rob Underhill has advised that the set-up of the Frisbee Golf course is now complete.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - the preparations for Christmas are just about complete in that all the lights are now up.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill - the lights are up on the Community Christmas tree and the Library building. The Canada flag is being replaced as it has been damaged in recent high winds. The Library Board has decided to install an emergency lighting system in the building at their expense and we will ask the electrician to put a light in the basement area at our cost.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter - a length of heavy-duty rope has been ordered which will be installed in the Park to assist traversing a steep pitch area of one of the trails. Work is starting on the cement pads to hold the new bike racks at Plumper Park and Henderson Park.
- V. Village Bay Park report from Al - all the windfall branches have been cleaned up.

9. Adjourn: **moved** by Liz, seconded by Bill, to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 pm. Motion carried.

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

