



MIPRC Minutes - October 14, 2015

The October meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 and was called to order at 3:16 pm.

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

Absent: Dennis Akey

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

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

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

- I. An email concerning weeds in new topsoil at Miners Bay.
- II. An email concerning parking congestion at the end of Edith Point Road.
- III. An email suggesting the installation of a drinking fountain in Dinner Bay Park.
- IV. Two emails supporting and seeking approval to hold a "Red Dresses" memorial.

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

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

- I. Further discussion was held concerning a possible beach access from Lundy Lane. It was decided that as the only route to the waterfront follows a narrow strip of land set aside for the installation of drainage pipe, the construction of a proper beach access would not be possible.
- II. Jerry W advised that the Stewardship Agreement with the Mayne Island Conservancy Society covering Emma & Felix Jack Park has now been executed.
- III. The final head count for the Galiano commonality meeting being held October 22 is six. Jerry W inquired if any other Commissioners wished to be involved in the Mayne Island report to the meeting. Everyone was fine with him putting the report forward. The return trip will be via water taxi at 4:15 pm as the ferry does not arrive until 8:30 pm.
- IV. Jerry W advised that a reservation has been confirmed for the Commissioner's annual Christmas dinner (Commissioners plus spouses) at the Groove restaurant. The function will start between 5:30 and 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 19.

6. **New Business:**

- I. A discussion took place concerning renewal of our annual sponsorship of the MayneLiner Tide Table at a cost of \$1,000 per year. It was felt that we receive good value for the funds spent as there is continuing public interest in this information in print form. **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Al, to renew the MayneLiner Tide Table sponsorship. Motion carried.

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- II. Jerry B introduced a plan to expand the Dinner Bay Disc Golf course to 18 holes by utilizing the hilly area to the north of the Williams Place road. The existing 9 holes are being used by a good number of people, both residents and visitors. Additionally, there are two expert players willing to step up to design and build the extension to the course at no cost other than the purchase of additional galvanized steel chain baskets to mark the end of each hole plus some cement to anchor them in the ground. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Liz, to extend the Dinner Bay Disc Golf course to 18 holes and allocate up to \$3,000 to purchase 9 additional Disc Golf galvanized steel chain baskets. Motion carried with one Commissioner abstaining.
- III. We received an email from a resident commenting on a perceived lack of quality of the topsoil installed in Miners Bay around the new septic tank risers. In actuality, the contractor went out of his way to obtain soil on-Island at a greatly reduced cost to what would have been spent trucking in new soil from Vancouver Island sources. The Commission felt that having a few weeds sprout in the soil was worth the savings. Jerry W will write to the resident.
- IV. An email was received commenting about traffic congestion at the end of Edith Point Road caused by people parking their cars in the turn-around area in order to hike out to the point. The trail involved is on private property so Jerry W will write to the individual who emailed explaining that while we sympathize this is not a MIPRC problem.
- V. A discussion took place concerning an emailed suggestion to install a potable water drinking fountain and pet watering station at Diner Bay Park and perhaps at other Parks on the Island. **Moved** by Liz, seconded by Peter, that the MIPRC not get involved in providing potable water for public use in Mayne Island parks. Motion carried. Jerry W will convey this motion to the resident who emailed us.
- VI. John Aitkin and Michael Dunn of the MICS wrote seeking our approval for a plan for Mayne Island to join a CTV Network sponsored event to honour Canada's missing and murdered aboriginal women. This is being done through the simple hanging of red dresses in Parks across the country for a day of remembrance. The plan is to advertise the event for Sunday, November 22 to take place in Emma & Felix Jack Park. They also suggested that this Park could be designated as a public place to hold future events related to social or cultural issues. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, that while this memorial has our wholehearted support, any similar events planned in the future will have to be brought to us for approval individually on their own merits. Motion carried.
- VII. A discussion took place about possibly changing next month's meeting date as the second Wednesday falls on Remembrance Day. It was decided to not change the meeting date and leave it as November 11.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry W presented his report covering the period September 10 to October 14, 2015. He advised that there was only one major expense during the period being the payment to Bill McCance & Son, contractors, for the new stairway in Henderson Park. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Jerry B, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

8. **Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - the "portable" stage has been put in storage for the winter. The Lions Club is discussing possibly replacing it with a more permanent concrete slab structure which could even incorporate a large checker board. Construction has not yet started on the extension to the storage shed but hopefully this will happen shortly.

- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - it has been discovered that the timber used in the large "Torii" gate at the garden entrance is beginning to rot. It will be an expensive job to replace it but some volunteers have come forward to do the work so long as appropriate on-Island wood can be sourced.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill - construction is finally underway on the new hand-rail beside the rock stairway from the entrance walkway down to the basement entrance.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter and Bill - the new multi-level stairway has been completed and inspected. It is a fantastic job with above average workmanship and the attention to detail is amazing. It is a structure that has been built to last and was completed for the quoted price. It has been decided to forego the installation of steel mesh on this stairway and we will see how the wood weathers over time. However, it has been necessary to put mesh down on the Kippen Road stairway as the salt water makes the wood slippery but other repairs that were planned are now judged as not needed immediately. Non-slip mesh has been put on the Vulture Ridge Viewpoint Trail and the Doreen McLeod Beach Access Trail. A decision has been made to install Whale Trail signs at the Doreen McLeod Beach Access trailhead, the Conconi Reef Community Park trailhead, the Kadonaga Bay Beach Access trailhead and at the Neil Road Seaview trailhead. In the next few months we will need additional signs which will be ordered from our Whale Trail contact on Galiano Island. Upgrade work on the Don Herbert Memorial Trail is progressing and all trail patrols are current. Two new "no smoking" signs have been installed at Dinner Bay Park.
- V. Village Bay Park report from Al - the seaweed removal project has been wrapped up and, as the paid employee did not finish out the season, the VBIA has a credit of \$1,823 in the bank. The grass should not have to be cut again this year.
- VI. "New Park" report from Jerry W - a formal appraisal was completed on the property at a cost of \$950. The value came in at \$1.35 million which will be the amount on the CRD tax receipt. Also, CRD staff is recommending that we leave the property zoned as "Rural" as this gives us more flexibility in land use - including having a residence - than what would be available under the "Park" zoning. We will probably follow this recommendation. The donation of the property is scheduled to be on the agenda for today's CRD Director's meeting. A "yes" vote would mean that the transaction can proceed to execution of the final documents which could happen within 2 to 3 weeks.

9. **Adjourn: moved** by Liz, seconded by Al, to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm. Motion carried.

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



TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 11, 2015

(A) OP. FUNDS - Maint., Impr. & Equip.

Expenses	Opening Budget 2015	Total Deposits & Increased Requisition	1st Quarter Expenses, Transfers & Alloc.	2nd Quarter Expenses	Expenses & Transfers Jul 9 to Aug 12	Expenses Aug 13 to Sep 9	Expenses Sep 10 to Oct 14	Remaining Budget 2015
Dinner Bay	14,100	0	2,288	2,678	969	960	1,926	5,279
Miner's Bay	13,400	0	3,381	3,285	772	707	756	4,499
Village Bay	4,500	4,500	502	2,188	1,650	1,650	150	2,860
Henderson	9,900	0	509	605	423	443	361	7,559
Trails Network	11,550	0	210	640	1,697	19	0	8,984
Equipment	2,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,200
CRD Charges	9,000	0	1,753	2,828	2,541	530	2,563	1,215
All Other Expenses	10,290	2,525	3,305	3,648	1,841	901	1,275	1,845
Totals	74,940	7,025	11,948	15,872	9,893	5,210	7,031	32,011
(B) DONATIONS	Opening Balance							
Japanese Garden	7,716	5,379	1,829	3,074	206	1,705	0	6,281
Putting Green	0	382	0	0	0	0	0	382
	Opening Budget							
(C) RECREATION FUNDS	26,640	4,870	565	3,485	105	20,905	5,009	1,441
(D) CAPITAL RESERVE	43,323	50,000	35,000	0	0	0	0	58,323
Projects:								
Chu-an Trail stairway project no. CX.069.2008.66		35,000	0	15,870	19,130	0	0	0
Vulture Ridge stairway proj. no. CX.069.2009.66		19,130	0	0	0	0	22,575	3,445
(E) EQUIP. REPLACEMENT RESERVE	16,320	850	4,500	0	0	0	0	12,670