



MIPRC Minutes - November 11, 2015

The November meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 and was called to order at 3:15 pm.

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

Absent: Jerry Betker

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 Bill, that the October minutes be approved. Motion carried.

3. Correspondence (in-coming):

- I. A letter was received from MIHCA thanking us for a donation toward the purchase of additional AED's for the Island and advising that sufficient funds have been received to purchase a total of six. Subsequently, Cilla Brooke and Jerry W met at Dinner Bay Park and installed one of the AED's in the Adachi Pavilion along with appropriate signage. It was also determined that at least 3 Commissioners are interested in receiving training on the fundamentals of CPR and AED operation. Jerry W will pass this information along to Cilla who is organizing the training program.
- II. A thank you note was received from the Ag Hall Fitness Group re: recreation funds for the exercise class.
- III. An email inquiry was received concerning memorial plaques in the Japanese Garden which was passed along to Liz for action.
- IV. A notice was received advising that the 2016 Active Pass Nature & Arts Festival will be held on Galiano Island from Friday, April 22 to Sunday, April 24.

4. **Correspondence (out-going):** a letter has been forwarded to the MICS confirming that recreational funding in the amount of \$4,000 was provided for restoration work in Henderson Park. The letter will be used by the Society to apply for a matching funds grant.

5. **Items arising from old business:** Jerry W provided information on the Galiano Commonality Meeting held October 22 which was attended by three Commissioners. Reports were heard in the morning from the various Commissions who were present. As well, a CRD staff member talked about ownership of Park assets as well as how and what administrative authority is delegated to various Commissions. The afternoon was spent touring a portion of the land owned by the Galiano Conservancy. This group has been lucky enough to have had a leader with enormous vision and so they have been able to amass a total of 180 acres of land which are slowly being developed with a solar powered well and large building along demonstration areas for land reclamation. Various corporate sponsors have been brought on board and impressive training and information programs are being developed. The food provided to the attendees at the meeting was judged as being fantastic.

6. New Business:

- I. A discussion took place relative to establishing an MIPRC Facebook page. **Moved** by Al, seconded by Peter, that a MIPRC Facebook page be developed. Motion carried. It would be a community page and contain information such as our history, our current programs and trail maps, our future plans along with information on proposed Park development. Peter volunteered to create and maintain the page assisted by Veronica and Al.
- II. A discussion took place relative to providing volunteers with T-shirts. **Moved** by Dennis, seconded by Bill, that we provide our volunteers with appropriate T-shirts and that a budget of \$2,000 should be set aside to accomplish this. Motion carried. Veronica very kindly volunteered to research suppliers and costs and will report back to a future meeting.
- III. A discussion was held relative to installing a high-quality, carved cedar wood sign at the beginning of the Vulture Ridge Trail in Henderson Park. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Liz, that we move forward with this plan and establish a maximum budget of \$500 for the sign. Motion carried. Al volunteered to research the cost of cedar slabs and then possibly he would undertake the necessary carving. He will report back to a future meeting.
- IV. Veronica inquired on the progress of our sub-committee looking into hiring a contractor for Trail Guardian duties. Peter reported that the whole situation regarding the maintenance of our trails has improved. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, that the work of this committee be tabled until April, 2016 when the quality of trail maintenance will be reviewed. Motion carried.
- V. A discussion took place regarding an upcoming public information meeting being held to consider the proposed Horton Bay Dock where a CRD water lease is currently the subject of a rezoning application. While the Commission has already passed a motion in favour of enhancing our Anson Road Beach Access to accommodate such a dock, no work on the property could be planned or start until after the rezoning application is approved. If the application fails there will be no enhancement of the Beach Access and so our involvement at this point is premature. A decision was made that Commissioners who attend this meeting should, if necessary, make it very clear that they are attending in a personal capacity and not representing the Commission.

7. Treasurer's Report: Jerry W presented his report covering the period October 15 to November 11, 2015. He advised that it was very quiet with no large expenditures. **Moved** by Bill, seconded by Liz, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried. For the information of Commissioners, he went on to advise that the transfer of \$4,500 from our Equipment Reserve to the Village Bay Park operating budget to cover seaweed removal has not yet actually taken place in the CRD ledgers. If the transfer has not happened by December, and we are going to end the year with sufficient unused operating funds, the entry will disappear from his report.

8. Park Reports:

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry W on information provided by Jerry B - the leaves have all been raked and mulched although some others are bound to still fall. The men's washroom will closed on or about December 2 after the lights are up in the Japanese Garden. Signage will be changed to allow everyone to use the women's. We also have a new automatic door closer for the women's washroom which will be installed shortly to keep the heat in. The new disc golf baskets have arrived and the additional 9 holes are starting to be cleared and laid out. Three dead trees will have to be removed and we will ask Mark Aitkin to help with that.

- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - it is planned to put the Christmas lights up on December 1st with a preview to be held December 12th. The public viewing will run from the 18th to January 2nd. A new volunteer has come forward to help with repairing the rotting Torii Gate timbers. He is a wood carver and artist and very welcome indeed.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill - the weeds are now all gone and the new hand railing down the stairs to the Library basement entrance level is finished. It looks tremendous. Unfortunately Doug McNeil, our long-time volunteer who mows the Miners Bay Park grass, has had to retire but out of sad news comes good news. Another of our volunteers, Don DeRousie, who is already a very active Trail Guardian, has stepped up and taken over the mowing as well as jumping in and servicing and winterizing the tractor. The exterior lights on the Library need some servicing and so Wesley Mulvin will be asked to have a look at this and do the repairs along with replacing washroom light tubes at the Library and at Dinner Bay.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter - the dead Arbutus tree and fallen Fir tree have both been bucked up and removed. The Naylor Road Beach Access trail needs some minor repair and clearing work and Peter will shortly be calling for a work party to help him get this done.
- V. Village Bay Park report from Al - what is hopefully the final grass mowing and leaf raking for the year have been completed.
- VI. "New Park" report from Jerry W - it seems possible that the final closing documents will be signed by the end of November transferring ownership of the property to us. With this in mind, a grand announcement is being prepared, with input from the property donor, for placement in the December MayneLiner. If this goes ahead, a copy will be circulated to all the Commissioners prior to its public release.

9. **Adjourn: moved** by Liz, seconded by Veronica, to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, December 9 at the Library.