



MIPRC Minutes - May 11, 2016

The May meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 and was called to order at 3:20 pm.

Present: Jerry Wise (Chair / Secretary) Peter Askin Dennis Akey Jerry Betker
Veronica Euper Liz Howard

Absent: Bill Duggan Al Cannon

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

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

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

- I. An email was received from a concerned citizen pointing out a small error in our Hiking & Walking brochure in that a washroom symbol in the Bennett Bay area was in the wrong place. This will be corrected the next time the brochure is printed.
- II. An email was received from Pender Island Parks suggesting some dates for the fall commonality meeting.

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

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

- I. Jerry W informed the meeting that he had chatted with Adam Iredale-Grey who is the organizer of the Campbell Bay Music Festival planned for June 24 and 25. Adam was unaware of the congestion difficulties in Miner's Bay during the Saturday of the event and expressed concern when advised of the water system shut down at the Library that happened last year. While there are no immediate solutions, further discussions will take place and hopefully something can be done to avoid a similar catastrophe this year. What will make matters more difficult though is the fact that a wedding is planned to take place in Miners Bay Park at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 25 with 88 guests attending.
- II. The dates suggested in September for the Pender Island Commonality Meeting will not work for us as some Commissioners will be away. It was decided that we will ask for consideration of dates in October.

6. **New Business:** moved by Liz, seconded by Peter, that our rent and damage deposit requirements for use of the Adachi Pavilion kitchen facilities be waived for the Mayne Island Boaters Association, the Mayne Island Recycling Board and the Silver Maynes Senior Association as they are all on-Island, non-profit groups. Motion carried.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Jerry W presented his report covering the period April 14 to May 11, 2016. He advised that it was quiet month with no unusual expenditures. An amount of \$10,000 has been transferred from the Capital Reserve to cover work at Cotton Park approved by motion at our last meeting. It was moved by Dennis, seconded by Liz, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

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8. Park Reports:

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - the second annual Disc Golf tournament held on May 7 was a huge success with over 60 adults plus children attending. Many of the attendees were from off-Island. The food was good and all costs were covered. The Adachi Pavilion is being re-stained by Cal Beam in areas with constant U/V exposure. Bryan and Elspeth Westby have spent a lot of time pressure washing various tables and benches. Gary Teager is continuing to be a huge help in all areas and was able to pass along a working BBQ for our use. For years, a supply of golf putting irons has been put out in a bin beside the putting green with very few of them disappearing and now we are doing the same thing in providing a limited number of Discs for those visitors who wish to try the Disc Golf course and don't have one. So far, none have gone missing.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Liz - everything is moving along according to plan and even some new volunteers have shown up which is extremely gratifying to see. The number of visitors continues to be better than expected.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report - Jerry W reported on behalf of Bill. All the rain gutters have been cleaned and Richard deArmond has completed work in re-building a set of double doors to the exterior. They are now much more secure. The lawn tractor requires further repairs and in the meantime Don deRousie is using his own equipment. There was a motor vehicle crash outside the Library and a vehicle did some damage to the trellis / portico at the Village Bay Road entrance. We have been assigned an ICBC claim number but in reality the damage will not be very costly as the group who originally constructed the trellis have offered to repair it if we would cover the cost of the lumber. This plan has been agreed to.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter - the new trail at Cotton Park is now complete and being used and in order to officially establish the name it was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Dennis, that the loop trail at Cotton Park be named the Orca Trail. Motion carried. A number of temporary signs have been put in place directing visitors to the trail but additional ones are needed asking people to stay on the trail and not wander into ecologically sensitive areas. Trail patrols in other areas of the Island are up-to-date and we are receiving good feed-back relative to the online information page.
- V. Village Bay Park - no report.
- VI. Cotton Park report from Dennis - Matt Taylor should be able to start work on the driveway re-surfacing and parking area clearing in about 2 weeks. Gareth Gwilliam, who volunteers his time to mow lawns at the Park, is now using a push mower as we are still searching for a trailer to move his lawn tractor. The group of new volunteers who are looking after the gardens are doing a great job. (Dennis had to leave the meeting at this point - 4:00 pm - and the balance of the report was given by Jerry W). Quotes have been received from Bill McCance & Son Contracting to build approximately 100 lineal feet of split rail fencing for a price of \$1,600 and a heavy duty wood stairway down to a concrete step at the foreshore for a price of \$4,675. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Veronica, that both quotes be accepted. Motion carried. The Park development committee will be meeting as soon as possible - probably on Saturday, June 4 - to continue work on the overall plan for the property and especially the residence where there is a lengthy list of structural and mechanical deficiencies. Serious attention will have to be applied to costing out the necessary repairs so that informed decisions can be made in line with community input already received. Peter will organize a work party to start the clean-up of various piles of wood and debris on the property.

9. **Adjourn:** **moved** by Liz, seconded by Jerry B, to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 3:20 pm on Wednesday, June 8 at the Library.

