



## MIPRC Minutes - September 14, 2016

The September meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Cotton House on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 and was called to order at 3:00 pm.

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

Absent: Bill Duggan

1. **Adoption of agenda:** **moved** by Veronica, seconded by Peter, that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.
2. **Guest:** Miranda Brown delivered a brief presentation concerning unleashed dogs running free.
3. **Approval of August minutes:** as there were no errors or omissions it was **moved** by Dennis, seconded by Peter, that the August minutes for both the special meeting and regular meeting be approved. Motion carried.
4. **Correspondence (in-coming):**
  - I. An email was received concerning an uncapped well casing at Cotton Park.
  - II. An email and memo were received proposing a new art project for Felix Jack Park.
  - III. A letter was sent via CRD staff concerning various residents' comments about the parking lot construction at Cotton Park.
  - IV. A telephone call was received from CRD staff relative to re-zoning Cotton Park.
5. **Correspondence (out-going):** None
6. **Items arising from old business:**
  - I. Jerry W updated the meeting on the status of the Village Bay / Miners Bay pathway committee which is waiting to meet with a committee of the Mayne Island Pathway Society. The Pathway Society committee is not yet formed.
  - II. Jerry W advised that all preparations for the Terry Fox Run to be held Sept. 18 are in place.
  - III. At least 4 Commissioners are contemplating attending the Pender Island commonality meeting to be held on Oct. 19.
7. **New business:**
  - I. Liz Howard's resignation from the Commission was regretfully accepted.
  - II. It was agreed that an advertisement would be placed in the October MayneLiner concerning the Commission vacancy.
  - III. A discussion took place regarding John Aitkin's proposed art project in Felix Jack Park. Art installations are always a grey area as they relate to the Commission's policy concerning Parks remaining free and neutral of any contentious issues. As proposed, this project would highlight several controversial topics which would not be acceptable. **Moved** by Al, seconded by Dennis, that John be advised by Jerry W that his project will have our support and approval only if it focuses solely on issues surrounding clean water. Motion carried.
  - IV. Miranda's presentation was discussed and we will ensure that signs covering the CRD By-Law concerning dogs being on leashes are in each of the large Parks.

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8. **Treasurer's report:**

- I. Jerry W presented his report covering the period August 18 to September 14, 2016. He advised that all the cheques to various organizations to assist with funding recreational activities have been issued and that there were no other extraordinary expenditures. It was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Al, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

9. **Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - the grass is slowly starting to turn green but it's not yet ready for mowing. He thought it might be a good idea to invite Len Epp, who is one of the lead volunteers in the Japanese Garden, to attend one of our Commission meetings. A proposal to construct a cement bandstand is still on the Lion's drawing board and Rob Underhill is working on a map of all 18 holes of the Disc Golf course. A load of gravel has been ordered from Matt Taylor.
- II. Japanese Garden - no report as Liz is no longer a Commissioner but Jerry W passed along some comments from Len that donations are still very generous and that he is conducting an experiment using bags of cement to create a firm footing for the rock wall around the pond.
- III. Miner's Bay Park - no report as Bill is away on holiday but Jerry W advised that Matt Taylor has started work on a top-coating of new gravel for the Library parking lot.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter - numerous trails and beach access pathways have been groomed and are in good shape. We have a new Guardian for the Neil Road viewpoint trail who is doing a wonderful job. The steps on the Don Herbert Memorial Trail have been completed and the new stairway down to the waterfront at Cotton Park has had non-slip steel mesh applied. The bench at the Chu-an Park viewpoint is deteriorating and so Bill has volunteered to construct a new one.
- V. Village Bay Park from Al - the grass here is also starting to turn green and the Park is generally in good shape. The seaweed clean-up on the beach is finished for the year. On a personal note, Al asked if the Commission could commit to a future owner of his home that they be allowed to trim trees in the Park. He was advised this would not be possible.
- VI. Cotton Park report from Dennis - the new vault toilet tank is now in place and good quality gravel has been used to build up the area around it as well as cover the new access trail. The gravel will have to settle for a couple of months before the toilet structure is started. All the new trails are getting rave reviews. Bill Warning will be engaged to properly cap and decommission the abandoned well casing. It has been decided that instead of a large overhead gateway to the Park it would be better to have a high-quality sign beside the entrance similar to the one at the new Vulture Ridge trail stairway. Al has again volunteered to create the sign on a large slab of cedar. He will develop a sketch for approval. Jerry W advised that the proposed trip to the property by the CRD Building Inspection Department manager has not yet been scheduled. He also advised that a teleconference meeting has been scheduled for September 20 to include himself plus CRD staff and Islands Trust staff to set a schedule for re-zoning the property from "Rural" to "Park". This would allow the Commission to properly develop the Park within zoning regulations and alleviate resident comments. A new bike rack will be installed similar to the ones in our other Parks. **Moved** by Dennis, seconded by Peter, that up to \$650 be allocated to purchase a steel "spiral" bike rack from Dobra Designs in Vancouver. Motion carried. A discussion took place concerning the fenced gardens and it was decided that if the individuals who volunteered to look after them are no longer interested the gardens will be cleared and the area covered with landscape cloth and a layer of gravel leaving space for the Lilac bushes to grow.

10. **Adjourn:** **moved** by Jerry B, seconded by Al, to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 pm. Motion carried. Our next meeting will be on October 12 at 3:00 pm at Cotton House.



TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 18 TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

(A) OPERATING FUNDS

Expenses	Opening Budget 2016	Total Deposits	1st Quarter Transfers and Expenses	2nd Quarter Transfers and Expenses	Expenses Jul 14 to Aug 17	Expenses Aug 18 to Sep 14	Remaining Budget
Dinner Bay	12,000	0	3,102	4,708	1,752	578	1,860
Miner's Bay	10,000	0	1,869	1,950	709	522	4,950
Cotton	12,000	0	2,113	602	41	660	8,584
Village Bay	5,000	0	451	1,358	1,058	1,058	1,075
Henderson	8,000	0	606	456	152	152	6,634
Trails Network	7,000	0	223	579	9	357	5,832
CRD Charges	12,450	0	3,198	3,351	0	1,490	4,411
All Other Expenses	13,500	3,061	4,138	4,796	1,534	2,418	3,675
<b>Totals</b>	<b>79,950</b>	<b>3,061</b>	<b>15,700</b>	<b>17,800</b>	<b>5,255</b>	<b>7,235</b>	<b>37,021</b>

(B) DONATIONS

	Opening Balance						
Japanese Garden	5,404	9,851	1,714	1,681	210	618	11,032
Putting Green	382	382	0	0	0	0	764

	Opening Budget						
(C) RECREATION FUNDS	31,900	0	368	1,686	89	25,624	4,133

(D) CAPITAL RESERVE (UNALLOCATED)	104,878	10,582	0	22,000	0	0	93,460
Projects:							
Cotton: Driveway, Parking CX.109.2001.66		10,000	0	0	12,739	0	2,739
Cotton: Toilet, Stairway, Fence CX.109.2002.66		12,000	0	6,589	0	826	4,585

(E) EQUIP. REPLACEMENT RESERVE	17,170	0	0	0	0	0	17,170
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