



MIPRC Minutes - December 14, 2016

The December meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 and was called to order at 3:20 pm.

Present: Jerry Wise (Chair / Secretary) Peter Askin Dennis Akey
Jerry Betker (delayed) Veronica Euper (via telephone)

Absent: Bill Duggan

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

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

3. Correspondence (in-coming):

- I. An email was received from CRD staff re: Licenses of Occupation expiries for Village Bay and David's Cove boat ramps.
- II. A thank you note was received re: recreational funding.
- III. An email was received from the Mayne Island Legion advising that their projects for 2017 will include repairs to the 1938 Royal Visit commemorative bench at Miner's Bay dock.
- IV. There were several email exchanges and telephone conversations with the Archaeological Branch of the Ministry of Forests re: an archaeological site within Cotton Park

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

5. **Items arising from old business:** None.

6. New business:

- I. A discussion took place concerning the Licenses of Occupation granted by the Crown covering the boat ramps at Village Bay and David's Cove that expire in March, 2017. It was **moved** by Dennis, seconded by Peter, that we renew the License at Village Bay but let the License at David's Cove expire with a proviso that the Mayne Island Boater's Association be advised with a view to them taking it over. Motion carried.
- II. The oversight of the Miners Bay and Dinner Bay water systems has been assumed by a new environmental health officer who recently conducted audits of both systems. Jerry W advised the meeting that the audit results include requirements to rodent-proof the basement of the Library to upgrade the sanitary situation around the water tank and pump and to re-plumb the Dinner Bay washrooms so that the tap water is potable. However, it will be acceptable for the "water not potable - do not drink" signs to remain posted in both facilities. The necessary repairs and improvements will be completed as soon as possible.
- III. Jerry W reported that the Mayne Island Conservancy is spear-heading a massive effort to raise funds for the "Save St. John Point" campaign which covers a large, 64-acre parcel of undeveloped property on the south-east tip of the Island. It was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Veronica, the we endorse the campaign and encourage the public to get involved. Motion carried.

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- IV. Jerry W advised the meeting that Bill Warning has agreed to join the Commission for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2018. Bill is well known to everyone and is a long-time volunteer at the Japanese Garden as well as being involved in the maintenance of the Parks. It was agreed that Bill's name should be recommended to the SGI CRD Director to be put forward for a vote at an upcoming CRD Board meeting.
- V. The election of officers was held. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Dennis, that the following are elected by acclamation: Chair - Jerry W, Alternate Chair - Bill, Secretary/Treasurer - Jerry W; and that the monthly Honorarium of \$250 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 2017. Motion carried.

7. **Treasurer's report:** Jerry W presented his report covering the period November 10 to December 14, 2016. He advised that it was a straightforward month with no unforeseen expenditures. There was one extraordinary and very welcome donation to the Japanese Garden of \$116.51 from the home-schooled kids fund-raising efforts. It was **moved** by Veronica, seconded by Peter, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

8. **Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park - no report but Jerry W advised that the men's washroom is now closed for the winter and the women's washroom has been signed as uni-sex.
- II. Japanese Garden - no report but Peter advised that the Christmas lights were installed in awful weather but are looking as spectacular as ever and the "lights on" days have been advertised in the MayneLiner and online.
- III. Miner's Bay Park - no report but Jerry W advised that the lights are now up on the community Christmas tree and that the contractor who is installing the new cement curbs in the Library parking lot will get the work done as soon as the weather permits. Peter reported that some of the old wood curbing has been moved to Cotton Park to delineate the handicapped parking area.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter - all is quiet with no work taking place but he has received a report that a sign post has rotted and fallen over at Henderson Park which will be repaired when weather permits.
- V. Village Bay Park - no report.
- VI. Cotton Park report from Dennis - the contractor conducting the haz-mat survey on the residence structure will be on-Island December 15. **Moved** by Dennis, seconded by Peter, that the cost of \$2,600 be paid. Motion carried. It has been reported that the flag pole has fallen over and this will be looked after. Jerry W advised that he has received notification of two complaints. First, he received a call from Island Health relative to a sewage storage tank on the property so he advised the caller that right now a new, factory-sealed tank has been put in the ground by a licensed contractor doing other work on the property but no sewage will be stored in it until all the necessary permits have been obtained. This is acceptable. Second, he received a call from the Archaeological Branch of the Ministry of Forests concerning work done, or to be done, in a "red zone" protected area that surrounds the residence. After receiving independent advice from an Archaeologist recommended by CRD staff and well known to the Ministry, he called the Ministry back and advised that when the structure is demolished the concrete foundation will be retained to protect the soil from any movement. They ruled this as an acceptable solution which removes the necessity of obtaining special permits and having archaeological supervision of the demolition.

9. **Adjourn:** **moved** by Dennis, seconded by Peter, to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 pm. Motion carried. Our next meeting will be held on January 11 at 3:20 pm at the Library.

