



MIPRC Minutes - March 8, 2017

The March meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 and was called to order at 3:15 pm.

Present: Jerry Wise (Chair / Secretary) Peter Askin Bill Duggan Jerry Betker
Veronica Euper Bill Warning Dennis Akey

Absent: None

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

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

3. Correspondence / Communications (in-coming):

- I. An email was received from Terry Miller advising that he and Margaret Acton will be retiring as Trail Guardians.
- II. An email was received from Judith Halliday inquiring about donations to the Japanese Garden and a memorial plaque in memory of John and Irene Halliday.
- III. An email was received from Kathy Barber inquiring about a memorial bench and possible locations in memory of Jim and Mary Cooper.
- IV. An email was received from Rob Underhill of the M.I. Conservancy advising of a "work and play" event scheduled for Henderson Park on March 25. At least one Commissioner will be able to attend.

4. **Correspondence (out-going)** - numerous responses in connection with above.

5. **Items arising from old business** - Jerry W reported on his discussions with the Chair of the MIPATA in connection with the CRD Regional Trails Open House to be held here on March 22. She was asking that we try and re-scheduled the committee meetings we had tentatively talked about last August in connection with the Regional Trails initiative that were never convened. Everyone agreed that this is a good idea and so Jerry W will contact the MIPATA to try and set a date for a joint committee meeting. Jerry W also advised that he has heard that one of the landowners on Village Bay Road where the proposed Village Bay / Miners Bay trail will pass through their property is encouraging the MIPATA to forge ahead and construct that portion of the new trail within the next few months.

6. New business:

- I. Bill W reported that he is able to take over the organization of our annual Kid's Easter Fun Day at Dinner Bay Park and, working from Liz Howard's file, he is already well on the way to finishing the preparations for the event which will take place on Sunday, April 16. The goodies have been purchased, the Lions Club will look after cleaning the Park and a volunteer has stepped forward to be the Easter Rabbit.
- II. Bill D advised that he has been approached by one of the groups raising money for the "Save St. John's Point" initiative of the M.I. Conservancy. The group is hosting an on-line silent auction that expires on March 22 and they are seeking a display location for several large donated auction items, including two boats, for the weekends of March 11 and March 18. **Moved** by Bill D, seconded by Bill W, that we offer use of the NE corner of Miners Bay Park near the Trading Post for this purpose. Motion carried.

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7. **Treasurer's report:** Jerry W presented his report for the period February 9 to March 8, 2017. He commented on one item being the fact that the Hydro has not yet been disconnected at the Cotton Park structure, and because of the extra cold winter, the bill for December and January was even higher than last year at almost \$900. He also responded to a question about the funds totalling \$1,084 spent in Dinner Bay Park during the period. This amount included an extra large Hydro bill as the vandalism at the Park meant the washroom door remained standing open with the heat on. The total also covered the cost of a cast bronze memorial plaque along with the usual expenses for water testing and washroom maintenance. It was **moved** by Dennis, seconded by Peter, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

8. **Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - the battery on the tractor being swapped with the one at Miners Bay is being charged. The planting of new trees in the area of the additional nine Disc Golf holes will have to wait until the ground dries out. Bryan Westby has asked that we publicise the need for additional volunteers to help with putting green maintenance. Peter will again mention this in our monthly "Park Bench" column in the MayneLiner.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Bill W - a special cast bronze plaque in memory of John and Irene Halliday, and commemorating their huge contribution over a long period of time, will be placed in the Garden. In addition, a very generous donation has been received from the Halliday family. A few posts are starting to rot and these will be replaced. The aeration equipment is helping to keep the pond cleaner.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill D - the Silver Maynes will be asked to clean and tidy their area of the basement.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter - the terrible weather has curtailed any work being done and also frustrated attempts to install the new bike rack at Cotton Park. However, a work party has optimistically been scheduled for next week to try and get this completed. Dennis has offered his utility trailer to haul bags of concrete.
- V. Village Bay Park - no report.
- VI. Cotton Park report from Jerry W and Dennis - Jerry W reported at length on two meetings involving CRD staff. The first meeting was with representatives from the Islands Trust and our LTC relative to the re-zoning application for Cotton Park. It appears that the "fast-track" time frame to get this completed will be one year and the fee will be \$4,500. There is a possibility that half of the fee can be refunded at some point in the future. The other situation related to the re-zoning application is the involvement of First Nations people and how best to handle any concerns they may have about previous First Nation use of the property. Jerry was introduced to the CRD Aboriginal Relations manager and in turn to one of her assistants. Their advice was to pre-empt any anxiety and invite representatives of various First Nations groups to the Island to re-visit the property. We will work jointly on getting this visit organized. The second meeting was focused on the residence demolition and involvement of the CRD Building Inspection Department in issuing a permit. Jerry mentioned he met with the Department Manager, Robert Gutierrez, who advised that the permit cannot be issued until the demo date is known. We will now move ahead quickly in calling for tenders to get this done. There was a discussion concerning the request from the Cooper family relative to a memorial bench as space for these types of benches is becoming scarce in all our Parks. However, it was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill W, that we work with the family to find a suitable location in Cotton Park for a memorial bench for Jim and Mary Cooper who both loved the Active Pass area. Motion carried. Dennis reported that the new Park sign is almost ready for installation. The flagpole was toppled over in one of the winter storms and is currently stored under the structure sun deck. We will work on getting the pole back up. The burn pile will be looked after and the post at the front gate with several signs on it needs replacing.

9. **Adjourn:** **moved** by Jerry B, seconded by Bill D, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm. Motion carried. Our next meeting will be held on April 12 at 3:20 pm at the Library. We might move the start time earlier as the children are no longer having a "reading afternoon" visit. Also, Bill W mentioned he will be away on vacation.



TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 09 TO MARCH 08, 2017

(A) OPERATING FUNDS

Expenses	Opening Budget 2016	Total Deposits	Expenses			Remaining Budget
			Expenses Jan 1 to Jan 11	& Transfers Jan 12 to Feb 08	Expenses Feb 09 to Mar 08	
Dinner Bay	12,000	0	323	591	1,084	10,002
Miner's Bay	11,000	0	490	1,682	589	8,239
Cotton	7,000	0	289	0	1,156	5,555
Village Bay	6,000	0	0	150	150	5,700
Henderson	7,000	0	0	152	152	6,696
Trails Network	7,000	0	0	0	0	7,000
CRD Charges	12,000	0	0	380	1,109	10,511
All Other Expenses	15,700	1,200	402	1,701	1,478	13,319
Totals	77,700	1,200	1,504	4,656	5,718	67,022

(B) DONATED FUNDS

	Opening Balance	Total Deposits	Expenses Jan 1 to Jan 11	& Transfers Jan 12 to Feb 08	Expenses Feb 09 to Mar 08	Remaining Budget
Japanese Garden	11,340	2,095	153	124	513	12,645
Putting Green	854	0	0	0	0	854
	Opening Budget					

(C) RECREATION FUNDS

	34,200	0	0	0	0	34,200
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(D) CAPITAL RESERVE (UNALLOCATED)

	105,114	0	0	45,000	0	60,114
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Projects:

Cotton: Toilet, Stairway, Fence CX.109.2002.66	2,931	0	0	0	0	2,931
Cotton: Demo residence CX.109.2006.66	0	45,000	0	3,590	0	41,410

(E) EQUIP. REPLACEMENT RESERVE

	17,170	0	0	0	0	17,170
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