



MIPRC Minutes - April 12, 2017

The April meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 and was called to order at 3:20 pm.

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

Absent: Bill Warning Veronica Euper

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

2. **Approval of March minutes:** after one small correction, it was moved by Bill D, seconded by Dennis, that the March minutes should be approved. Motion carried.

3. Correspondence / Communications (in-coming):

- I. An email was received from the Oregon Ocean Paddling Society (OOPS).
- II. An email was received from the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre.
- III. An email was received from a resident regarding the Cotton House wood stove.
- IV. Emails were exchanged with CRD staff in connection with arranging a meeting with the Tsartlip Band Council.
- V. Several emails were received in connection with providing our brochure to the Tour des Iles group.

4. Correspondence / Communications (out-going)

- I. There were numerous responses in connection with the above.
- II. A letter and permit application were forwarded to the Ministry of Environmental Services.

5. Items arising from old business

- I. Jerry W advised that the two Inter-Island Trails Committees (MIPRC and MIPATA) had met and discussed the upcoming CRD open house and lack of prior communication. Also, the MIPATA Chair reported that the Hoff family, with property on a dangerous curve on Village Bay Road, had asked that the portion of the planned Village Bay / Miners Bay pathway that traverses the front of their land be built this summer - not on the MoT road allowance, but on their property to avoid the necessity of the MoT granting a license. If, at some point in the future the entire pathway goes ahead, they will be pleased to grant an easement. Therefore, some 200 meters of pathway will be constructed ending at Maple Drive by MIPATA.
- II. Jerry W also reported on preparations, or lack thereof, for the upcoming Festival Active Pass taking place April 21 to 23. Sadly, we have heard nothing from the organizers. Two years ago, when the Festival was held here, we were asked to be a sponsor and provide an information booth at Festival Central. This year it seems we will not be participating.

6. New business:

- I. Peter has volunteered, as he always does, to arrange a work party, possibly on April 18, to lower the Kippen Road beach access stairway for the summer months.
- II. Jerry W reported on the email received from the OOPS organization. A group of 42 of their members will be on Mayne Island from June 9 to 14 during which time they will be participating in day excursions. All the members have found accommodation either at the Seal Point Campsite or at local rentals. They asked if they could have their nightly meetings and pot-luck meals at Miners Bay Park. They assured us that they have a good reputation as far as clean-up and garbage removal is concerned. A welcoming message was sent.

- III. An email from an Island resident was discussed concerning an offer to make a donation to the MIPRC in exchange for taking possession of the wood stove in the Cotton Park residence. Concerns were expressed about liability issues that may be present if the stove no longer meets building code requirements. It was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Dennis, to gift the stove to Bud Swan if a liability waiver with wording satisfactory to all parties, including CRD staff, can be constructed and executed.
- IV. Jerry W reported on plans for himself and a CRD staff member to arrange a meeting with the Tsartlip Band Council in order to introduce the MIPRC and the Cotton Park property to the Band prior to them receiving the application for a zoning change for the property. The strategy was to be out in front of any questions they may have concerning the property and the development plans. The meeting was all set for April 7. A gift basket of local jams, jellies and vinegars was put together and everything was in order when the sad news arrived that one of the Band Elders had passed away and, as everyone was in mourning for a week, the meeting could not be held. We will try to re-schedule it as soon as possible.
- V. Several emails were received with the final one coming from the Galiano Trails Association via the Mayne Island chapter of the Experience the Gulf Islands group suggesting that we all consider providing a supply of our brochures to the Tour des Iles organization to hopefully have their members plan hiking tours of the Islands. Peter will move forward with this and perhaps arrange to have our current brochure put on-line on the Mayne Island Info web site.
- VI. Jerry W reported on attending the March 22 CRD open house held at the Community Centre where four CRD staff members presented information on their Regional Trails plan which includes our proposed Village Bay / Miners Bay pathway which has been languishing in their office for some time. A discussion was held with Brett Hudson, Manager Planning, Resource Management and Development for CRD Regional Parks. He advised that he was the senior staff member involved with the proposed pathway and that he was the one I should speak with as far as coordinating our efforts is concerned. This was welcome news as until now we did not know who was in charge of this project. Brett went on to say that he expects to have preliminary drawings and cost estimates completed by September and the final construction plans finished by March, 2018 with the funding in place. As the pathway is going to be built on the MoT road allowance either the CRD or the MIPRC will have to apply to them for a License of Occupation. Jerry W will have further discussions with Brett to decide which party will do this.
- VII. A discussion was held about methods to better inform Park visitors concerning CRD Bylaw #1465 which calls for dogs to be controlled at all times. It was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill, to spend \$300 to purchase 5 signs in an orange / yellowish colour to post the Bylaw in our Parks. Motion carried
- VIII. Jerry W advised that he has not yet heard from Saturna Parks concerning a date for the spring Commonality Meeting. He had emailed Hubertus who in turn forwarded the email to Joan Hoskinson, the new Chair, but to date no reply has been received.
- IX. Jerry B advised that the tractor which was being transferred from Miners Bay Park to Dinner Bay Park arrived with no transmission and a broken engine cover hinge. As the unit is very old a decision was made to obtain costs on a new one. Bill D volunteered to start obtaining prices and report back.

7. **Treasurer's report:** Jerry W presented his report for the period March 9 to April 12, 2017. There were no unusual or large expenditures but he did point out that an amount of \$400 was charged to the Cotton Park toilet project number which was the filing fee for the Ministry of Environmental Services permit. It was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Dennis, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

8. **Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - the Adachi Pavilion kitchen has been cleaned in preparation for the Kids Easter Celebration but during the clean-up it was noted that some food had been left in the fridge by the Lions Club. This is not a good idea and it will be mentioned to the Club.

A new battery has been purchased for the tractor and a load of wood chips will be ordered for installation under the climbing maze in the Kid's playground. At the same time, the sheets of lumber wrap which were put in to stop weeds growing will be removed as this strategy is not working well. Plans for the Disc Golf Tournament scheduled for May 6 are moving forward and some volunteers will be serving hamburgers with any profits being donated to the Disc Golf Club. Club members are ready to assist in planting new trees on the Park hillside but this will have to wait until the ground dries out.

- II. Japanese Garden - no report but the volunteers are working hard in getting the Garden ready for spring visitors and the blossoms are already showing.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill D - the Christmas lights have been removed from the big Community tree and an individual has been hired to trim back all the blackberry brambles. Plans are being formulated to paint the public washrooms at the Library. The Silver Maynes Seniors Club has not yet cleaned up their portion of the basement but hopefully this will happen shortly. The gutters and downspouts at the Library need all the winter debris removed but this work will be put on hold until after the spring pollen tsunami has finished.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter - our Sykes Road Trail Guardian, Lynda Campbell, will transfer her skills and attention to the trails at Village Bay Park and some large trees that were blown down by the winter winds have been removed from the Plumper Pass trails. Some Park boundaries should be re-surveyed and if we cannot arrange for CRD staff to do the job then Richard Wey's survey firm will be asked if they can add this work on to another job they might be undertaking on the Island. No entries have been received yet for the hiking brochure photo contest and if none arrive we will consider hiring Toby Snelgrove to provide some. A reminder was to given everyone about the scheduled spring beach clean-up taking place on April 30.
- V. Village Bay Park - no report but Jerry W advised that the Park is currently in good order.
- VI. Cotton Park report from Jerry W and Dennis - an email was received from staff of the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre offering to install a medium size - approximately 2 feet by 2 ½ feet - interpretive panel in the Park at no cost. They had been alerted to the excellent waterfront location in Cotton Park by one of the Galiano Parks Commissioners. The panel provides very good descriptions and pictures of various marine life in local waters and challenges Park visitors to see if they can actually find any of them. The panels are being installed in various locations around the Gulf Islands and are of high quality. Before we could proceed, a Memorandum of Understanding had to be executed by both the MIPRC and the CRD. Time was running short as the Aquarium's funding grant expired on April 7 but fortunately the CRD staff jumped on board and had the document signed and returned all in 2 days so the deadline was met and the project is moving forward. At some point in the future, as the Park development plan moves forward, we will have to provide toilet facilities and so Jerry W decided to spend time searching the VIHA web site to try and locate information on the permit application process. He was successful and has completed the application and filed it along with the \$400 fee. A discussion took place concerning a prior decision and motion to disconnect the power from the residence. Wesley Mulvin express concern that if we went forward with the disconnect then Hydro would also remove the pole and transformer from the property making it hugely expensive to reconnect to the Hydro grid at some point in the future. It was **moved** by Bill, seconded by Peter, to amend the prior motion and, rather than disconnect the power, the service panel will be moved to the Garden Shed at a cost of \$3,500. Motion carried. The Garden Club members have been alerted to the fact that the residence structure is being demolished which will have an impact on many of the garden beds. The Lions Club have mentioned that they are putting the replacement of the flag pole which was destroyed in a winter storm on their agenda of projects. The new wood sign for the Park is in the process of being installed and posters advertising the nature walk scheduled for May 13 are now available.

9. **Adjourn: moved** by Dennis, seconded by Jerry B, to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm. Motion carried. Our next meeting will be held on May 10 at 3:10 pm at the Library.



TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 09 TO APRIL 12, 2017

(A) OPERATING FUNDS

Expenses	Opening Budget 2016	Total Deposits	Expenses & Transfers				Remaining Budget
			Expenses Jan 1 to Jan 11	Expenses Jan 12 to Feb 08	Expenses Feb 09 to Mar 08	Expenses Mar 09 to Apr 12	
Dinner Bay	12,000	0	323	591	1,084	626	9,376
Miner's Bay	11,000	0	490	1,682	589	472	7,767
Cotton	7,000	0	289	0	1,156	268	5,287
Village Bay	6,000	100	0	150	150	150	5,650
Henderson	7,000	0	0	152	152	152	6,544
Trails Network	7,000	0	0	0	0	0	7,000
CRD Charges	12,000	0	0	380	1,109	881	9,630
All Other Expenses	15,700	1,200	402	1,701	1,478	1,712	11,607
Totals	77,700	1,300	1,504	4,656	5,718	4,261	62,861

(B) DONATED FUNDS

	Opening Balance						
Japanese Garden	11,340	2,412	153	124	513	143	12,819
Putting Green	854	0	0	0	0	0	854
	Opening Budget						

(C) RECREATION FUNDS

	34,200	0	0	0	0	329	33,871
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(D) CAPITAL RESERVE (UNALLOCATED)

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

Cotton: Toilet, Stairway, Fence CX.109.2002.66	2,931	0	0	0	0	400	2,531
Cotton: Demo residence CX.109.2006.66	0	45,000	0	3,590	0	0	41,410

(E) EQUIP. REPLACEMENT RESERVE

	17,170	0	0	0	0	0	17,170
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