



MIPRC Minutes - June 14, 2017

The June meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday June 14, 2017 and was called to order at 3:11 pm.

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

Absent: Dennis Akey

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

2. Approval of May minutes: as there were no errors or corrections, it was moved by Bill D, seconded by Peter, that the May minutes should be approved. Motion carried.

3. Correspondence / Communications (in-coming):

- I. An email was received from the Saturna Parks Commission re: Commonality meetings.
- II. There were several emails exchanged with CRD, MoTI and MIPATA staff re: Village Bay / Miners Bay pathway.
- III. An email was received from a solar energy expert re: solar assessments of community buildings.

4. Correspondence / Communications (out-going)

- I. There were emails exchanged relative to the above.

5. Items arising from old business

- I. Jerry W reported on the current situation concerning the Village Bay / Miners Bay pathway. It seems that MoTI feels that applying for a highway use permit would be more appropriate than a license of occupation. This will be undertaken by CRD staff. However, MoTI will require MIPATA to apply for a license of occupation relative to the entrance and exit points for the section of trail they are planning to build on private property.

6. New business:

- I. The date of Thursday, August 17 was set for the annual Volunteers Appreciation BBQ.
- II. As this year's 150th July 1st Canada Day celebration hosted by both the Legion and Lions Clubs will involve larger crowds than normal we will increase our order for ice cream and toppings which Parks contributes to the festivities. Bill D and Veronica volunteered to organize our participation and Bill W will see if the Lions can provide a tent for us as they will also have members on hand to cook hamburgers. The TruValue store, who supply the ice cream, will see if they can provide paper cups and wooden spoons as these are more environmentally friendly than the usual plastic ones.
- III. Jerry W reported that Saturna Parks has now provided three possible dates for this year's Commonality Meeting being Thursdays, September 7 or 14 or Saturday, September 9. Either one of the Thursdays will work so we will see which one is decided on and then finish the head count.
- IV. Jerry W reported that as we currently do not have volunteers to cut the grass at Cotton Park, Miners Bay Park or Village Bay Park he has hired Steve DeRousie to take on this work.
- V. Jerry W also reported that he received an email from Robb Zuk, a solar energy specialist, who was coming to Mayne Island at the request of Dave Howe to undertake assessments of various community buildings as to their appropriateness for solar power. Apparently, there is grant funding available to cover the cost of a limited number of installations. The Library has been put on Robb's list of structures for assessment.

- VI. Bill W reported that wood carver Lance Shook has advised he is willing to donate his time and expertise to provide a carving of Don Slinn to be placed at the Chu-an trail viewpoint. This is very fitting as the Slinn family donated the land for the trail. Peter will get in touch with Lance and co-ordinate the installation.
- VII. Bill W reported that when the Lions crew was constructing the Peter Henche designed concrete base for the new flag pole array at Miners Bay Park the back-hoe equipment accidentally destroyed a young maple tree. This will be replaced in the fall. He also mentioned that the Lions will be placing a bronze plaque on the new base explaining that it was put in place to commemorate Canada's 150th birthday. He will get in touch with Len Epp who knows of a company that can cast the plaque.

7. **Treasurer's report:** Jerry W presented his report for the period May 11 to June 14 2017. There were several items that he commented on. First, he reported the garden supplies and washroom painting at the Library had totalled approximately \$1,300 and second, the residents fronting Village Bay beach had not yet approached him for funding for seaweed removal. Third, he updated the meeting concerning the demolition project at Cotton Park. The remediation crew is scheduled to start work on Monday, June 19 and also, as the rainwater storage tanks are half-buried in the ground, a decision has been made to leave them in their current location with the demolition contract amount unchanged. He then talked about the very good news in that the donor of the Cotton Park property had increased his second cash donation to \$60,000 which, when added to his initial donation, more than covers the demolition contract. He has requested two undertakings and so it was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill D, that if his donations are indeed in excess of the total demolition cost the surplus funds will be spent on improvements and / or maintenance of Cotton Park or we will seek his approval of how the funds will be spent and second, if the demolition cost exceeds his donations the cost overruns will be covered by other sources of financing. Motion carried. It was then **moved** by Bill W, seconded by Veronica, that the Treasurers report should be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

8. **Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - unfortunately it has been a month of horrors. The large, multi-trunk maple tree beside the tractor storage shed has suffered a major split in one of its trunks with half of it falling to the ground. As there are two solid trees growing from the base a decision has been made to leave them intact but have the rest of the tree trunks removed that are dangerous and growing out of the rotted base. Most of the base will also be removed. After several attempts to fix the mower head on the large diesel tractor it was decided to re-work the mower drive box and have some parts machined and welded. This seems to have solved the problem. One of the Disc Golf enthusiasts has volunteered to try and find some parts that are needed to fix the small tractor moved from Miners Bay Park. In the meantime, the Japanese Garden tractor can be used to mow the smaller areas of the Park. The wood carver, Lance Shook, has also volunteered to create a sign for the proposed Disc Golf notice board.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Bill W - the garden looks spectacular and there was a large crowd on hand for the commemoration of the bronze plaque for Tosh Sato. The donations received to support the Garden continue to be very generous. One of the volunteers has developed an innovative method to control weeds in the pond which is working very well.
- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill D - the grass looks great and the rain gutters around the Library roof are scheduled to be cleaned. The Park continues to see use by various groups including the Conservancy's May Day festivities and the OOPS kayakers from Portland.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter - the Vulture Ridge trail has been groomed and other patrols have been completed. As there is a good supply of hiking and walking brochures still on hand a decision has been made to delay producing new ones. Peter will attend the upcoming MIPATA open house. It was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill W, to rename the Chu-an trail viewpoint the Don Slinn viewpoint. Motion carried.
- V. Village Bay Park report from Jerry W - the grass is looking good and while the beach is not part of the Park, the resident's seaweed removal program has not yet commenced which adds a distinctly outdoorsy odor to the ambiance of the Park.

Veronica left the meeting at 4:30 pm in order to catch her ferry.

- VI. Cotton Park report from Jerry W and Peter - the permit from Island Health to construct the vault toilet has now been issued. Construction will be spearheaded by Bill W and Bryan Westby. The new wood sign has been installed and looks great. Dennis is planning to build an appropriate roof over it. There was a small but enthusiastic crowd for the May 13 nature walk and during the walk, and as a demonstration, one of the Conservancy's staff members undertook a tree bore which indicated this particular tree was approximately 140 years old. All the debris has now been burned and a pile of non-combustible material has been disposed of. The residence demolition permit has been issued and the formal demolition contract between the CRD and Don Mann Excavating has been executed. Additionally, the permit allowing disposal of the building's hazardous materials has been signed by the CRD.

9. **Adjourn: moved** by Jerry B, seconded by Bill D, to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 pm. Motion carried. Our next meeting will be held on July 12 at 3:10 pm at the Library.



TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 11 TO JUN 14, 2017

(A) OPERATING FUNDS

Expenses	Opening Budget 2017	Total Deposits	1st Quarter		Expenses & Donations		Remaining Budget
			Transfers and Expenses	Apr 13 to May 10	May 11 Jun 14		
Dinner Bay	12,000	0	2,624	1,381	1,329		6,666
Miner's Bay	11,000	0	3,233	1,997	1,985		3,785
Cotton	9,700	0	1,713	576	382		7,029
Village Bay	6,000	100	450	150	255		5,245
Henderson	7,000	0	456	388	152		6,004
Trails Network	7,000	0	0	0	356		6,644
CRD Charges	12,000	0	2,370	329	615		8,686
All Other Expenses	15,700	1,200	5,293	1,644	2,093		7,870
Totals	80,400	1,300	16,139	6,465	7,167		51,929
(B) DONATED FUNDS							
	Opening Balance						
Japanese Garden	11,340	4,646	933	1,782	1,404		11,867
Putting Green	854	0	0	0	0		854
(C) RECREATION FUNDS							
	Opening Budget						
	34,200	0	329	0	901		32,970
(D) CAPITAL RESERVE (UNALLOCATED)							
Projects:	105,114	60,000	45,000	0	0		120,114
Cotton: Toilet, Stairway, Fence CX.109.2002.66	2,931	0	400	0	0		2,531
Cotton: Demo residence CX.109.2006.66	0	45,000	3,590	2,612	179		38,620
(E) EQUIP. REPLACEMENT RESERVE							
	17,170	0	0	0	0		17,170