



MIPRC Minutes - September 13, 2017

The September meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday September 13, 2017 and was called to order at 3:10 pm.

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

Absent: None

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

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

At this point Jerry W welcomed Debra Bell as a new Commissioner.

3. Correspondence / Communications (in-coming):

- I. A letter was received from the M.I. baseball team with a funding assistance request.
- II. An email inquiry was received re: donating a memorial bench.
- III. A series of emails were exchanged with CRD staff re: the new tractor purchase.
- IV. An email was received from John Aitken re: a "Red Dress" event in Emma & Felix Jack Park.

4. Correspondence / Communications (out-going)

- I. There were several email replies relative to the above.

5. Items arising from old business

- I. Jerry W updated everyone re: the Saturna Commonality Meeting scheduled for October 12. At this point, there is no information available other than the date and so if, as and when he hears further he will pass the news along.
- II. Jerry W gave a wrap-up report re: the Volunteer's Appreciation BBQ held on August 17. By all accounts it was again a huge success with between 55 and 60 attendees.
- III. The purchase of the new tractor for Dinner Bay Park is being assisted by the CRD purchasing department who recently advised that two tender offers had been received. After discussion, it was moved by Jerry B, seconded by Bill D, to accept the offer from PrairieCoast Equipment in Langley, BC in the amount of \$25,616.

6. New business:

- I. Jerry W advised the meeting that the usual shopping list for supplies for the upcoming Terry Fox Run had been delivered to the Tru Value store. The list includes ice cream, sundae toppings, etc. and is paid by Parks.

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- II. A letter was received from the M.I. baseball team advising of several issues relating to safety and improvements relative to the baseball field at Dinner Bay Park and suggesting solutions. The basic proposal is that they will supply the labour free of charge if Parks will cover the cost of various supplies. After discussion, it was **moved** by Bill D, seconded by Bill W, that Parks will create a capital project and fund it with \$5,873 provided the labour is supplied free and that work on the project starts within 12 months and is completed within 24 months. Additionally, the team mentioned that they may be able to cover part of the cost and if they can then Parks' contribution would be reduced by a similar amount. Motion carried.
- III. Jerry W advised that an email had been received from an Island family seeking information concerning donating a memorial bench. This prompted a discussion concerning locations for this type of bench. It was **moved** by Bill W, seconded by Bill D, that for the time being we should impose a moratorium on any further concrete memorial benches as most locations have been filled but subject to further investigation by a new committee as to alternative bench materials that may open up additional locations. Motion carried. A committee of three was struck consisting of Peter, Bill D and Bill W who will consider possible alternatives and report back.
- IV. The email from John Aitkin concerning his second annual "Red Dress" event in Emma & Felix Jack Park scheduled for October 8 and 9 was discussed. The purpose is to create an environment of remembrance for the missing and murdered indigenous women. This event has our full support and the only suggestion to be passed on to John is that he should perhaps put a small information board in the Park to explain the meaning of the hanging dresses to visitors.
- V. Jerry W advised the meeting that because of the ongoing Commission vacancy an advertisement will be placed in the October MayneLiner seeking new Commissioner applications.

7. **Treasurer's report:** Jerry W presented his report for the period August 10 to September 13 and commented on four items that were above average for their category. First were funds paid for the construction of the new split cedar rail fence at Cotton Park; second was the next draw of funds by the VBIA; third was the issuance of the recreational funding cheques and fourth was payment of the invoice for delivery and spreading of topsoil at Cotton Park. It was **moved** by Jerry B, seconded by Debra, that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

8. **Park Reports:**

- I. Dinner Bay Park report from Jerry B - a push mower was purchased to cut the putting green during the extreme fire hazard portion of the summer but now the Fire Chief has relented and advised that it is ok to go ahead with the power mower. Several very old line cutters that are no longer operational will be donated to Paul at Tru Value so he can possibly make use of some of the parts for his small engine repair business. The siding is being installed on the Lions "lean-to" at the rear of their storage shed.
- II. Japanese Garden report from Bill W - the garden continues to look good despite the drought and a new electronic controller has been purchased for the irrigation system. Jennifer Iredale is possibly working on a project to update some of the writings relative to Japanese history on the Island and she has mentioned she wants to include pictures of the old kiln in the garden.

- III. Miner's Bay Park report from Bill D - some of the picnic tables are "wobbly" with old age so new bolts and screws are being installed along with a new coat of paint. A wasp nest has been discovered under one of the large boulders which will be sprayed at night time. The hot water tap in the men's washroom was dripping and has been adjusted.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter - a patrol of some of the trails has been completed with Debra and the blackberry brambles have been trimmed back along the Naylor Road beach access pathway. These are a nuisance and probably need to be pulled out. A loose step in the stairway at the high end of the Doreen McLeod trail has been replaced. Also, from Plumper Pass Park, the sign post on the Linking Trail has been repaired. Thought is being given to re-wording the sign at the viewpoint along with installing a new bench. The brochure supply is running low and so a re-write and new print run is in the works.
- V. Village Bay Park report from Jerry W - a new pump-out company called "All Out" will be contacted to service the vault toilet which is almost full. Otherwise the Park is in good shape.
- VI. Cotton Park report from Bill W, Jerry W and Peter - the reclamation committee's report has been "tweaked" to allow the large shrubs that used to be at the front of the house to be trimmed down into a low hedge rather than being removed and the circular garden will remain in place. **Moved** by Peter, seconded by Veronica, to adopt the tweaked version of the committee's report. Motion carried. With the fire hazard reducing it is now ok for Richard Jarco to proceed with his small backhoe to excavate for the concrete foundations for the Aquarium's interpretive panel, the Cooper family memorial bench and the vault toilet. The Cooper family bench is now ready for pick-up in Surrey and it will be installed during the next two or three weeks. Cal Beam has volunteered to build the small roof over the new Park sign. The new flagpole should be installed in the next few days.

9. **Adjourn:** **moved** by Bill W, seconded by Bill D, to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 pm. Motion carried. Our next meeting will be held on October 11 at 3:10 pm at the Library.



TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 10 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

(A) OPERATING FUNDS

Expenses	Opening Budget 2017	Total Deposits	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Expenses	Expenses Aug 10 to Sep 13	Remaining Budget
			Transfers and Expenses	Transfers, Donations & Expenses	& Grants Jul 13 to Aug 9		
Dinner Bay	12,000	250	2,624	4,083	865	1,252	3,426
Miner's Bay	11,000	0	3,233	5,188	697	673	1,209
Cotton	9,700	0	1,713	958	100	963	5,966
Village Bay	6,000	100	450	625	2,466	1,906	653
Henderson	7,000	0	456	692	152	152	5,548
Trails Network	7,000	0	0	356	0	90	6,554
CRD Charges	12,000	0	2,370	2,054	1,651	1,122	4,803
All Other Expenses	15,700	2,400	5,293	4,676	2,007	2,410	3,714
Totals	80,400	2,750	16,139	18,632	7,938	8,568	31,873
(B) DONATED FUNDS							
	Opening Balance						
Japanese Garden	11,340	8,136	933	3,851	254	409	14,029
Putting Green	854	399	0	0	0	0	1,253
	Opening Budget						
(C) RECREATION FUNDS	34,200	0	329	1,101	134	28,210	4,426
(D) CAPITAL RESERVE (UNALLOCATED)	105,114	60,000	45,000	36,000	0	0	84,114
Projects:							
Cotton: Toilet, Stairway, Fence CX.109.2002.66	2,931	0	400	0	0	0	2,531
Cotton: Demo residence CX.109.2006.66	0	81,000	3,590	72,303	0	4,481	627
(E) EQUIP. REPLACEMENT RESERVE	17,170	27,000	0	0	0	0	44,170