



MIPRC Minutes - February 21, 2018

The February meeting of the Mayne Island Parks & Recreation Commission was held at the Library on Wednesday February 21, 2018 and was called to order at 3:20 pm.

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

Absent: Bill Warning Jerry Betker

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

2. Guest: Rob Underhill of the Mayne Island Conservancy attended to present a 10-year plan for the continuing restoration of Henderson Park. It is a 64-page document containing amazingly detailed information recapping work already done along with plans to fully implement the Conservancy's goal of completely eliminating invasive plant species and encouraging the new growth of endangered flowers and trees. In order to better manage the work, the Park has been broken down into 10 zones distinguished by moisture levels.

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

4. Correspondence / Communications (in-coming):

- I. A letter was received from the Bennett Bay Waterworks District (BBWD) outlining their concerns relating to possible dangerous trees on parkland where they have constructed a water well and pumphouse.
- II. An email was received from the Lions Club containing information relative to a planned volunteer recruitment event.

5. Correspondence / Communications (out-going):

- I. A reply was sent to the BBWD confirming that a tree assessment program could be completed at their cost but that no trees were to be removed without our prior approval, and that we would be pleased to receive copies of the documentation that allowed them to install infrastructure on park property. If none can be found a new agreement must be negotiated.
- II. A reply was sent to the Lions as set out in section (7)(IV).

6. Items arising from old business:

- I. Jerry W presented a report from the Commonality Meeting planning committee who have made considerable progress in constructing the event. The tentative date is June 5 with the venue being the Adachi Pavilion in Dinner Bay Park. The start time will be around 8:00 am and we will wind up at 4:00 pm. Because the establishment of Cotton Park has created a new interest in donating land for park use, and the various Park Commissions do not have much information on this subject, the main theme has been established as covering in general terms the benefits and pitfalls of various methods of setting up a land donation both while living or as part of an estate. We have prevailed upon Terry Miller FCPA / FCA, the donor of the Cotton Park property, to attend as our main speaker and provide his professional advice on this whole range of topics. We will also be asking the other Commission Chairs if they have any thoughts to submit for discussion. Sue Duncan will again be providing her all-day, delicious catering services.

- II. Jerry W passed along information received from CRD staff relating to what is considered “bucking” a tree and who can undertake this work. According to HortEducation, if a tree has fallen in a Park or on a trail as a result of natural forces, eg. wind storm - you do not need a bucking endorsement to cut and remove the tree.

7. New business:

- I. CRD staff has advised that the lease between the CRD and the Library Board comes up for renewal in June and they would like to know if we require any changes. After discussion, it was **moved** by Bill D, seconded by Peter, that the lease should be renewed for a further 5-year term without any major alterations other than “housekeeping” matters such as changes in the building description, corrections to some schedules and changes in some definitions. Motion carried.
- II. Planning has started for our annual Easter Kids Day celebrations on April 1 with the usual advertisement being placed in the March edition of the MayneLiner. Hopefully Bill W will again be able to stick handle the actual event.
- III. Jerry W advised that CRD staff has brought to his attention that a couple of items are on today’s CRD Board meeting agenda that relate to the Gulf Islands. The one of interest to us is that the CRD Regional Parks committee is recommending to the CRD Board that the Gulf Islands regional trail plan be approved. This plan includes the Village Bay / Miners Bay “demonstration” pathway. Once approved the project can officially move forward.
- IV. Jerry W reported that he has received a very interesting message from the Lions Club. In conjunction with MIHCA and the Conservancy they are planning an event to be held at the Ag Hall on April 7 that can best be described as a volunteer recruitment drive. The plan is to have all the non-profits on Island who need volunteer assistance to gather in one place and then invite all Islanders who might have thoughts of volunteering to attend. Prospective volunteers will be able to meet all the groups in one day and obtain information, get their questions answered and hopefully make a decision to get involved. Tables to distribute information will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and we could not get our name in fast enough.

8. Treasurer’s report: Jerry W presented his report for the period January 11 to February 21, 2018. He commented on two items being a large expenditure for Village Bay Park to cover the pump-out cost of the vault toilet holding tank and another for the Conconi Reef viewpoint trail for the removal of a large dead fir tree. It was **moved** by Peter, seconded by Bill D, that the report should be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

9. Park Reports:

- I. Dinner Bay Park - no report.
- II. Japanese Garden - no report.
- III. Miner’s Bay Park report from Bill D - there was a minor issue with some water in the Library basement coming from the large holding tank. Temporary repairs were made but Bill W will have follow up on his return.
- IV. Henderson Park / Trails Network report from Peter - a very large, dead, dangerous fir tree near the Conconi Park viewpoint trail has been safely removed by a CRD approved company. A new boardwalk has been constructed in Henderson Park on the Doreen McLeod Trail. The section of the Village Bay / Miners Bay Pathway being constructed by MIPATA on the Hoff’s property is moving forward. The latest issue of the “Hiking the Gulf Islands” booklet contains a mention of Cotton Park.
- V. Village Bay Park report from Jerry W - the holding tank for the vault toilet has been pumped out.
- VI. Cotton Park - no report.

10. Adjourn: **moved** by Veronica, seconded by Bill D, to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 pm. Motion carried. Our next meeting will be held on March 14 at the Library starting at 3:20 pm.



TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY 11 TO FEBRUARY 21, 2018

(A) OPERATING FUNDS

Expenses	Opening Budget 2018	Total Deposits	Expenses Jan 1 to Jan 10	Expenses Jan 11 to Feb 21	Remaining Budget
Dinner Bay	13,000	0	105	550	12,345
Miner's Bay	11,900	0	376	793	10,731
Cotton	10,700	0	52	371	10,277
Village Bay	7,000	0	0	1,413	5,587
Henderson	5,000	0	0	150	4,850
Trails Network	8,000	0	1,755	1,012	5,233
CRD Charges	8,000	0	0	1,076	6,924
All Other Expenses	18,500	0	264	2,213	16,023
Totals	82,100	0	2,552	7,578	71,970

(B) DONATED FUNDS

	Opening Balance	Total Deposits	Expenses Jan 1 to Jan 10	Expenses Jan 11 to Feb 21	Remaining Budget
Japanese Garden	12,438	2,624	272	387	14,403
Putting Green	1,285	0	0	0	1,285
	Opening Budget				

(C) RECREATION FUNDS

	32,813	2,019	0	0	34,832
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(D) CAPITAL RESERVE (UNALLOCATED)

	78,241	4,091	0	0	82,332
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Projects:

Dinner Bay Ball Field Impr CX.109.2007.66	5,873	0	0	0	5,873
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(E) EQUIP. REPLACEMENT RESERVE

	18,720	0	0	0	18,720
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