



Minutes for a meeting of the Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission at the Miners Bay Park Gazebo on May 13, 2021 at 3 pm.

Present: Debra Bell (Chair) Peter Askin (Vice Chair) Veronica Euper (Telephone)
Adrian Wright Lauren Edwards (Recorder)

Absent: Lance Shook
David Howe, Director, CRD, Southern Gulf Islands

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Recognition and appreciation was expressed for holding the meeting on the traditional Coast Salish Nation lands.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Bell and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Askin
that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes of April 8, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Wright and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Euper
that the minutes of April 8, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

The Commission recognized the contribution of Harolyn Fryling who is retiring. She has volunteered at the Japanese Garden for over 18 years.

Commissioner Shook, Laura Shook and volunteers were commended for the many months of hard work spent in completing the Dinner Bay playground. Based on photographs, the inspector approved a soft opening of the new playground.

5. Reports

5.1. Treasurer's Report

5.1.1. Treasurer's Report for the period March 1 – 31, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Bell and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Askin
that the Treasurer's report for the period March 1 -31, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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5.1.2. Treasurer's Report for the period April 1 – 30, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Bell and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wright that the Treasurer's report for the period April 1 -30, 2021 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

5.2. Administration

5.2.1. Follow up Action Report

- a) Tide Table sponsorship – new rates
- Discussed increased printing costs in the *MayneLiner*.
 - Printing of the table was discussed last fall and no response has yet been received from the Association of Mayne Island Boaters with regards to its usefulness.
 - Suggestion was made to publicize the tides.gc.ca website instead which has tides specific to Mayne Island

MOVED by Commissioner Euper and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bell that Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission continue the tide table advertising in the *MayneLiner* up to and including September and after that point move to a smaller advertisement referencing the online website.

CARRIED

Opposed: Commissioner Askin

- b) Transportation Advisory Group meeting
Commissioner Euper reported on the meeting and the key items discussed were:
- A right-sized viable proposal for transportation;
 - The differences between regional park trails and a Southern Gulf Islands active transportation trail network;
 - Ultimately, a SGI transportation service will have the authority to hold transportation trail tenures. In the meantime, local CRD Parks Commissions can hold trail tenures;
 - Trail Society partnerships e.g., Salt Spring Island;
 - Construction costs and a referendum; and
 - Timelines and next steps.
- Commissioner Euper will attend the next meeting if invited.
- c) Land Altering Projects - Update
- Archaeological maps picked up today;
 - A list of routine maintenance to be developed for review by the archaeologist;
 - Commissioner Bell will meet with each commissioner to discuss areas impacted;
 - No land altering work will take place at this time;
 - Commissioner Bell will continue communicating with Justine Starke on this issue.

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- It was noted that the Ed Williams trail from Williams Road to the southwest corner is an existing trail to be refurbished and that the southwest corner to the entrance of Japanese Gardens also requires refurbishing.
- d) Exclusion of Parks Master Plan in OCP – update
This item is on the Local Trust Committee’s Technical Amendments List awaiting the formal process for approval.
- e) Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Discussed a desire to have a local candidate for this position.

5.3. Committees

5.3.1. Sanitation

- a) Library water system update
StreamLine Plumbing may start work next week in the library basement and a hot water tank will also be installed.
- b) No smoking sign
Installation to be confirmed.

5.3.2. Land Acquisition

Follow up with realtor re: Bennett Bay property
No report.

5.3.3. Memorial Plaques Committee

Follow up as to guideline development by library.
Commissioner Euper sent email, no response received yet.

5.4. Parks

5.4.1. Miners Bay

- a) Tree pruning of non-native cypress
The arborist and Commissioner Wright have pruned as necessary and no further work is required at this time.
- b) Library basement cleanup – update
 - It was reported that response has not yet been received from one organization regarding property removal and the deadline is May 15th.
 - There has been considerable clean up completed and Commissioner Askin agreed to sort through and dispose of signs.

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- c) Gazebo repair - update
It was agreed to defer this matter for one month.

5.4.2. Dinner Bay

- a) Playground update
 - This project is complete and was well done.
 - Opening announcement will be posted after inspector approval.
 - It was reported that Commissioner Shook will ensure regular inspections.
- b) Disc golf course tree removal – update
Not addressed.
- c) Lions building license
Lions will decide where to store some inventory before agreement finalized.

5.4.3. Japanese Garden

Electronic donations are being investigated and CRD will consider after year end completed.

5.4.4. Village Bay

- a) Wishing well
 - It was reported that a donation for its construction had been made and a photo will be taken of the donors.
 - A locked donation box will be used for accumulated coins from the well.
- b) Footbridge repair/replacement issues

MOVED by Commissioner Bell and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Euper that Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission invite the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council to participate in a new and enhanced footbridge project at Village Bay Park and would appreciate their input.

CARRIED

- c) Village Bay Improvement Association and residents - seaweed removal
 - CRD advised the Association that they can apply for a grant-in-aid for this year and funding will no longer be provided through the commission.
 - It was commented that the First Nations community may have interests and views on this matter.
 - It is understood that this issue is CRD's responsibility.
- d) Islands Trust hearing on DP and DVP for footbridge on private property

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- MIPRC did not receive the referral until three days before the Local Trust Committee meeting to consider the application and therefore it was too late to provide input.
 - The permit request was rejected by the Local Trust Committee.
 - A subsequent communication was received requesting use of park property for wheelbarrow and plank use in order to move gravel and rocks to level an area on the owner's property for chairs.
 - There may be riparian and archaeological issues.
 - It was determined that MIPRC wishes to work closely with the WSÁNEĆ First Nations regarding any work to Village Bay Park, which is a registered site, and therefore would not approve any activity other than normal recreational park related use.
- e) Notice Board repair and Village Point Improvement District displays
Volunteers will repair the Notice Board and VPID can use part of the board for notices.

5.4.5. Cotton Park

Well maintained.

5.4.6. Emma and Felix Jack Park

Islands Trust technical amendment to zoning

The Local Trust Committee of Islands Trust has added a change to the zoning of this park to a list of technical amendments and MIPRC will be notified when it moves to the formal process for approval.

5.4.7. Henderson Park

It was reported that there was a successful work party to remove broom from Don Herbert Trail and this will continue as weather permits.

5.4.8. Trail Network Development and Pocket Parks

- a) Plumper Pass/Mt. Parke trail potential – map presentation
Deferred.
- b) Kim Road/Mt. Parke signage with CRD Regional Parks follow up
CRD wants to work with MIPRC for signage and Commissioner Askin will follow up.
- c) Trail guardian safety/duties/tree assessment
 - A job description for trail guardians has been developed;
 - A volunteer safety list will soon be finalized;
 - A hazard tree checklist to be finalized and trail guardians will notify Commissioner Askin of any trees requiring attention; and
 - Commissioner Wright agreed to work on the Trail Network Development Committee with Commissioner Askin.

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- d) Charity groups offering assistance with tree disposal – check with fire chief
Deferred
- e) Viewpoint restoration
Some tree clearing has taken place and Commissioner Askin will assess the site again for increasing the view corridor for Punch’s meadow.

6. Correspondence

- 6.1. Email correspondence with CRD regarding Leadership Council visit; follow up and zoom meeting on archaeology policies.
- 6.2. Various email correspondence between CRD, Village Bay Improvement Association and residents concerning seaweed removal and funding at Village Bay.
- 6.3. Email from Mayne Island Early Childhood Education Society and program changes due to Covid-19.
- 6.4. Email from CRD regarding participating in Growing Canada’s Forests Request for Information and potential funding. – forwarded to Conservancy and they are working with CRD
- 6.5. Email from Mayne Island Blazers softball team regarding use of Dinner Bay for practices only.
- 6.6. Referral received from CRD on May 7, 2021 regarding hearing on May 10, 2021 by Islands Trust for DP and DVP regarding footbridge over Deacon Creek adjacent to Village Bay Park and reply to Islands Trust planner.
- 6.7. Email from F. Gowing to continue classes at the Adachi Pavilion during June 2021.
- 6.8. Email from D. Nickoli regarding use of Miners Bay Park on a date to be determined.
- 6.9. Telephone conversation with RCMP regarding abandoned vehicle at Dinner Bay Park.
- 6.10 Telephone conversation with A. Maxwell regarding notice board at Village Bay and VPID displays.

7. New Business

- 7.1. Request from the Frankie Gowing exercise group to extend use of the Adachi Pavilion until the end of June 2021.

MOVED by Commissioner Bell and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Askin that the Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission approve an extension to the Frankie Gowing exercise classes held at the Adachi Pavilion, Dinner Bay Park, until the end of June 2021 and that participants not be charged a fee except to cover insurance.

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- 7.2. Request from David Nickoli to use Miners Bay Park for a story book walk on a date to be determined. This program is funded by the BC government 'Responsible and Problem Gambling Program'.

MOVED by Commissioner Bell and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Askin that the Mayne Island Parks and Recreation Commission approve the request by David Nickoli to use Miners Bay Park for a story book walk, on a date and time acceptable to the Commission, subject to provincial health orders in effect at the time and all event requirements are met in advance.

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- 8. Motion to Close the Meeting in accordance with Community Charter (if any)**

None

- 9. Rise and Report (If any)**

None

- 10. Meeting Adjournment**

MOVED by Commissioner Askin and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wright that the meeting be adjourned at 4:38 pm.

CARRIED

Approved

Debra Bell, Chair

June 10, 2021

DATE

Approved

Lauren Edwards, Recorder