

SATURNA ISLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (SIPRC)

Regular Meeting Minutes

13 July 2020 @ 4:30 pm Parks & Rec Office

Present: Paul Brent —Chair; Mairead Boland– Vice-Chair; David Osborne; Rick Jones

Regrets: Monica Morten – Treasurer; Ian Gaines; Kyra Haworth

Additional Notes: Meeting held outdoors, in person; following recommended guidelines for social distancing.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 16:35

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA- adopted as submitted

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 23 April 2020 – approved as submitted

4. TREASURER’S REPORT –

- Spending has been reduced due to Covid-19, most recreation activities have been halted.
- Parks maintenance is going well with Patrick Dahl. Discussion around increasing maintenance, Rick proposes creating some mowing in strategic ways to help with fire control.
- See Appendix A for treasurers’ report.

Move to accept treasurers report.

Moved by David

Seconded by Mairead

Carried

5. PROJECT REPORTS –

➤ LYALL CREEK PROJECT & SALMON ENHANCEMENT –

- SIRI Community Garden is growing great, impressive structures and abundance of produce. Mairead suggest that next year we look at more local starters. Paul updates that there is a picnic table going in and fencing needs to be reset.
- Rick would like to put together material list for enhancement project. Will speak with Ian about ordering rocks from town to move forward with the side-stream incubation box.

Move that SIPRC provide commissioner Jones a budget up to \$4,000 to build an incubation box and related materials to the Salmon Enhancement project. All materials, receipts and plans to be submitted.

Moved by Paul

Seconded by David

Carried

- MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MONEY LAKE “NEW PARK” –
 - Paul shares that there is some friction between the water board and Parks & Rec. The water board has the misinformed idea that there are plans in motion that SIPRC has started, but there are no decisions that have been made. There is also a misunderstanding that Parks & Rec has allowed motorcycles in the park land. Paul has discussed with donors, water board rep and motorcyclist that there is a possibility of having emergency services personnel to bring motorcycles up on a limited basis. Some opening of trails with maintenance so that EMS can have access to areas they currently cannot get access to. David suggest that with EMS access the Commission is on solid ground to support it, recreational is not appropriate. Commission speaks to focusing on one walking trail to start the project with. Commission needs to determine defined property lines of Parks Canada land versus the CRD land. David suggests a public meeting may be in order down the road. Discussion tabled for full Commission to be involved in.
 - There is a potential new piece of land that will create more trails with Parks.

Action Item: David to organize a new date for Commissioners to walk the new Parks land.

- THOMSON PARK–
 - Mower has been fixed and new blades have been purchased.
 - Tina has completed pruning and some watering.
- CRD MEETING REQUIREMENTS – VIDEO CONFERENCE
 - Video conference requirements are very defined, may be out of scope for local SIPRC. Recommendation made to continue outdoor, social distancing practices.

Action Item: Paul to forward CRD requirements to Vice-Chair Mairead.

6. OLD BUSINESS –

- Taylor Point Row, Paddle, Hike debrief ~ fabulous turn out, great event! Approximately 48 participants; keeping below the 50 provincial gathering requirements.

7. FUNDING REQUESTS –

- Winter Cove Ballfield Irrigation Pump replacement.

Move to fund the replacement of the irrigation pump in Winter Cove ballfield for the requested amount of \$633.16. Additionally, to send a thank you card to James White for his work on this and the lawn mower.

Moved by David

Seconded by Rick

Carried

8. NEW BUSINESS –

- SIPRC meeting day. David withdraws request. Second Thursday each month remains the meeting day.

9. CORRESPONDENCE –n/a

10. ADJOURNMENT – 17:43

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday 13 August 2020 @ 4:30 pm

Contracted Recorded Secretary—Chaya Katrensky

Appendix A

Saturna Island Parks and Recreation Commission Treasurer's Report – July 14, 2020

Our total budget of \$31,144 is split 58% (\$18,615) to Parks and 42% (\$13,529) to Recreation. We currently stand at 38% of our overall budget at the midpoint of the year. Last year at this time we had expended 47% of our funds. The major difference between the current year and last is our reduction in Recreation programs this year due to the global pandemic.

Since the last report in April, we have spent \$2074 which is mainly in Parks (\$1405) for maintenance and CRD expenses. The remaining \$669 in Recreation is also CRD expenses and special events.

We have only spent 13% of our Capital budget (\$31,000) at the Lyall Creek (\$2525) and Thomson Park (\$1448) projects.

- Submitted by Monica Morten