

Minutes of Sidney & North Saanich Memorial Park Society Board Meeting February 23, 2016

Directors Present: Brad Edgett, Richard Paquette, John Bell, Bill Blair, Dick Reynolds, Stephen Roberts, Sheilah Fea, Mary Goodman, Steve Duck.

Regrets: Tom Watson, Mel Sangha, Michael Shoemaker, Jane Hall.

Liaisons: Barb Menzies, SD63, Tim Chad, Sidney Council, Heather Gartshore, North Saanich Council

Meeting called to Order: Richard called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was circulated.

Steve motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Sheilah.

Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes from January 26, 2016 were circulated.

Motion made by Sheilah, seconded by Dick, minutes passed.

Report from North Saanich Council Liaison

NS will host a Community Meeting regarding the proposed Malahat LNG plant; date is confirmed, Tuesday May 3rd.

Brad spoke with NS staff and the May 3 date has been changed with the new date TBA.

University of Victoria has sold Dunsmuir Lodge to the Ontario-based Homewood Health, who will be converting it to a mental health and addictions treatment centre, which was its original purpose.

Report from Sidney Council Liaison

There have been many late-night hearings for proposed building sites in Sidney including 9800 4th Street, and the zoning amendment for Resthaven and Ardwell, which was approved.

A recommendation has been made to council for the building of a 56 unit rental building on 4th Street covering one smaller retail lot and the McKimm & Lott property. It will include underground parking, 1st floor commercial which will hold a daycare and McKimm & Lott Lawyers, and four storeys of 1- and 2-bedroom rental units. This will be intended for students and younger people who work in retail and restaurants in Sidney. Council will look at a 10-year tax freedom for the residential units, with the

commercial space being fully taxed.

Iron Man 70.3 Victoria will use portions of Sidney roads on June 12th.

Report from SD63

McTavish School property has been sold, SD63 will receive 30% and the ministry 70% from the sale.

The property will be reopened as an Art Academy with classes and training in art, music, and sustainable agriculture.

The Bayside Middle School roof is in need of replacement, as it has been leaking for decades. The School district has been working for many years to secure funding but has been turned down multiple times. The media around this story will help move this process forward. The public forum has been changed from its original date and will now be held at Bayside School. Please watch the PNR for new date information.

The first part of the Stelly's School theatre feasibility study has been completed. There was a large cross-section of interviews with many stakeholders and those in the theatre business locally. Written report will be available at the end of March/beginning of April. Brad met with the architect/individual doing the study, who seemed very interested in Brad's answers regarding running a theatre.

Report from the Chair

We have contacted our lawyer to enquire as to the status of the Trust changes. We expected to wait three months and we are now into our fifth month. The lease with the town has pretty much been finalized, and once the trust is approved, the lease will be able to move forward right away.

Both MPS and the Foundation will be required to update their bylaws and constitution to coincide with the new BC Societies Act. A joint committee with members from both boards has met twice already and will continue to meet to make all the changes needed. A draft will be brought back to the board for review.

Brad has received feedback on the Five-Year Plan from many board members and amended it to reflect the advice that was given. Motion made by Sheilah to approve the Five-Year Plan, seconded by Steve for discussion.

Further updates: change the picture of the theatre, number pages, change "enhance to enhancing", add "community groups" to the point regarding the Parkland track.

Five-Year plan was approved with changes discussed.

Brad will present measurable operational goals based from the Five-Year Plan for both his own and also the staff's direction.

Treasurer Report

There are no financial statements as we are currently being audited. January and February reports will be presented at the March meeting.

Report from the Executive Director

Brad met with Holy Cow Communications, and they will be working with us to update the MPS webpage with past agendas, minutes and Trust information. This should occur in the next week.

January was very strong with the return of IRROC, the radio car club who host an annual race weekend in the Bodine Hall. Valdy returned for a sold-out show, and we have already booked him for next year.

Starting with this meeting and moving forward, Brad will provide the board with a layout of Mary Winspear Centre-produced events that will outline ticket prices, fees, expenses, and surplus/deficit of the show.

Both Jann Arden shows are sold out, which is a relief as it was a risky show to take on. She will be launching her tour in Sidney and will be spending four days here while she rehearses and performs at the Centre. We have connected with Haro's to open late with a special menu and drink specials for patrons after the show.

The Friends of the Mary Winspear Centre membership drive will launch on March 1 and will provide patrons a benefit package including 10% off all shows. Residents of Sidney, North Saanich, and Central Saanich will also be given the option of becoming voting member of MPS.

New Business: No new business.

Next Meeting Date: Our next meeting will be held on March 22, 2016.

Adjournment at 5:45 pm, followed by an in camera discussion without management.