

Minutes of
Sidney & North Saanich Memorial Park
Society Board Meeting
June 23, 2015

Directors Present:

Brad Edgett, Richard Paquette, John Bell, Stephen Roberts, Jane Hall, Sheilah Fea, Steve Duck, Michael Shoemaker.

Regrets:

Tom Watson, Mel Sangha, Bill Blair, Dick Reynolds, Mary Goodman.

Liaisons:

Barb Menzies, SD63
Cam McLennan, Sidney Council
Heather Gartshore, North Saanich Council

1. Meeting called to Order
 - a. Richard called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. The agenda was circulated.
 - b. John motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Steve.
 - c. The Agenda was approved.

3. Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. The minutes from May 26, 2015 were circulated.
 - b. Motion was made by Steve, seconded by Stephen, motion carried.

4. Report from North Saanich Liaison
 - a. Pat Bay boat launch: Councilors Geoff Orr and Jack McClintock, along with CAO Rob Buchan will be meeting with the Honourable Steve Thomson tomorrow regarding this matter, June 24th.
 - b. Secondary Suites: Council direction to include Dean Park Estates is generating a lot of interest and feedback.
 - c. Amalgamation: NS Council has written again to ask for funds for a Peninsula focused study, conducted by the three municipalities. We have also requested a meeting with the Minister at UBCM, and have encouraged CS and Sidney to submit similar requests.

- d. The 2014 SOFI has been approved.
- e. The Glen Meadows application for redevelopment was denied.

5. Report from Sidney Liaison

- a. A parking study for Sidney is set to begin. It will look at the proposed parking lot on the Airport parcel land and the need for a parking structure.
- b. The T & L parking lines on the streets will be painted black. There will be open parking in Sidney in hope to create more room for street parking.
- c. Council adopted that the public can participate and ask questions at the Committee of the Whole Meetings. Sidney will also be looking into videotaping the Council meetings for the public to view.
- d. It was passed that Torque Masters will be closing down the streets for their annual car show on August 24.

6. Report from SD63

- a. SD63 hosted their Indigenous Graduation Ceremony at the Mary Winspear Centre. Every year the group is growing in numbers which is good to see.
- b. The Stelly's School theatre feasibility will be done in stages. It is important to research how the community will support a theatre of that size and how it will affect community partners like the Mary Winspear Centre. If the first phase of the study proves the theatre is not supported the study will not continue.

7. Report from the Chair

- a. The lawyers have requested more information which included us going through Mary Winspear archives and ones from the Sidney Museum. With the new information the lawyers will be moving forward with the application for court in the next few weeks. The documents will go in front of the Attorney General's office first.

8. Treasurer Report by Brad

- a. Space, theatre and other revenue is up however our costs are also up. The Centre was \$3700 ahead of budget for the month of May.
- b. Year to date we are \$1400 below our budget. For the first time in history we have created a capital improvement fund that currently sits at \$45,834 with contributions from North Saanich, Sidney and the Mary Winspear Centre.
- c. Our total assets are \$331,191 and our liabilities are \$255,460.
- d. Steve made a motion to pass the financials, seconded by Sheilah. Motion carried.

9. Report from the Executive Director

- a. The Rohdo Conference was very successful with over 400 delegates from all over the world. Every 2-3 years they will come back and use the Peninsula as their home base for all of their conferences. A legacy garden of 200 rhodos will be built behind the centre as a gateway to Sidney. The garden will be on MWC, Sidney and Highways land.
- b. For the first time the Bodine Hall was used as a concert venue. It was hugely successful selling 500 tickets for rock singer Kim Mitchell. This has opened up the possibility of bringing in large acts that are too big for our theatre.
- c. Peninsula Soccer Association will begin fundraising to change their fields to artificial turf. There will be a presentation to the board from the association.
- d. Brad presented to North Saanich Council for their continued support of the centre and increased funding over the next 4 years. He received positive feedback from the Council and lots of good questions.
- e. Upcoming events: Parkland and Pacific Christian dry grads & pickleball.
- f. Thank you to everyone who supported the Winspear Cup Golf Tournament. This year we raised \$13,255.
- g. An application for the 150 Canada Celebration Grant was made for \$82,000. This money will go towards painting the Bodine Hall floor and upgrades to lighting and sound.

10. No New Business

11. Next Meeting Date

- a. Our next meeting will be held September 22nd, 2015.

12. Adjournment at 4:55 pm followed by an in camera discussion.