

Minutes of
Saanich Peninsula Memorial Park Society
Board Meeting
March 26, 2019

Directors Present:

Richard Paquette, Sheilah Fea, Malcolm Brailsford, Mel Sangha, Bill Blair, Dick Reynolds, Jane Hall, Melissa Safarik.

Regrets: Floyd Mailhot, Chad Rintoul.

Liaisons: Terri O’Keeffe, Sidney. Heather Gartshore, North Saanich.
Nola Silzer, SD63.

Executive Director: Brad Edgett

Guests: Dennis Sutton.

1. Meeting Called to Order
 - a. Richard called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. The agenda was circulated.
 - b. Bill motioned to approve the Agenda, Malcolm seconded, agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the January Minutes
 - a. Mel noted that he will let his name stand for re-election for 1 year.
 - b. Sheilah motioned to approve the Minutes, Bill seconded, minutes were approved.

4. Business Arising
 - a. The Royal Theatre has frozen their rental increases for a three year period. This allows groups like Dance Victoria and the Symphony to stay. With this information Brad is certain promoters will continue to book with us because of limited booking dates at the Royal and McPherson.

5. Report from North Saanich
 - a. Strategic plan has been adopted for the next four years.
 - b. Official Community Plan review to be in 2020
 - c. Request of interest has been sent out for the 83 acres at Sandown.
 - d. By-election happening on April 6. 8 candidates running.
 - e. New website launching April 12. Feedback encouraged.
 - f. 2019 Budget: overall increase of 3.04%
 - g. Scoter Trail repairs to begin at a cost of 1.5M; consultation and engagement prior

6. Report from Sidney
 - a. Budget has been passed. There will be a 3.83% tax increase.
 - b. Council will be looking at the Official Community Plan that is now 12 years old.
 - c. Housing Needs Analysis will take place. It is a requirement by the Province.
 - d. Fire Department is working on occupancy permits. Anticipate moving in on April 15.
 - e. Paving at the CSB has been completed. Town staff are now working on irrigation and landscaping. With a soft opening planned for May.
 - f. General feedback on the snow removal has been good. There were a small number of comments about sidewalk clearing.

7. Report from SD63
 - a. Students are on spring break retuning back on April 1.
 - b. Paul McKenzie new assistant superintendent to replace Mark Fraser.
 - c. Bargaining has begun on the CUPE and local teachers contracts which both expire on June 30.
 - d. Public consultation on the budget will take place at Bayside School on April 10.

8. Foundation Report
 - a. Next Foundation meeting to be held on April 23 after the MPS meeting.
 - b. Sheilah has been collecting prizes for the Dinner en Rouge balloon pop. Feedback has been very positive. We have been given two big prizes from local hotels.
 - c. We are working on a casino night to replace the donor dinner.

9. Chairs Report
Director nominations:

- a. Mel will let his name stand for re-election for 1 year. Dick will let his name stand for another two-year term. Bill will be leaving us at the end of this term.
- b. Recommendation from North Saanich, Ross Imrie who has a financial background.
- c. Two other people who are interested in sitting on the Board are Tim Chad and Ted Daly.

Lifetime Membership:

- a. Sheilah, Brad and Richard met to create a list of candidates. Lifetime membership is to recognize people who have given time and or money to the Centre.

2019 Recipients: Richard & Susan Holmes, Ron & Susan Gurney, Mark & Leslie Dickenson, Murray & Linda Farmer, Malcolm & Jill Winspear, Debbie & David Allen, and Linda Bodine.

Jane motioned to accept the list of 2019 lifetime membership inductees, seconded by Sheilah. Motion passed.

- b. Carey will resend an email reminding members to purchase their membership before the AGM.

Parking Lot Update:

- a. There will be a meeting held between MPS and the Town of Sidney to sort out conflicts with the new parking lot usage and signage. Video of Councils concerns is available on the Town of Sidney website.

Union Update:

- a. Richard and Brad began meetings with the union representative in February. Union has presented a draft containing three parts; general provisions, part time and full time employees, and casual employees. The next union meeting will be held on April 2.

10. Report from Executive Director

2019 Goals:

Brad thanked the Board for their feedback on the 2019 Goals package. Recommendations have been incorporated.

Bill motioned to approve the 2019 Goals, seconded by Malcolm.

Motion passed.

MWC Productions:

- a. Kicked off February with Doug and the Slugs 40th anniversary show, which was a very successful sell-out.
- b. For the first time we tried a children's program for Family Day. We gave it a good try but fell short on the financial side. The production lacked professionalism and was not the production we were sold contractually. Brad is working with the agent to recoup some of the artists fees.

PSA Update:

- a. Letter was sent outlining our Trusts history and the rationale behind the changes that were made. We are still waiting to hear back from PSA to move forward with the lease.

BHP Track Update:

- a. Brad met with Jason Reid regarding the track fundraising project. The track committee is aware MPS is happy to be involved in the process but can't lead on the fundraising.

Pickleball:

- a. Brad and Lorne are trying to find a group of dates when the pickleball players and the Bodine hall are available to try out the new lines.

Contract over \$25,000:

- a. Thanks you to everyone's response on the second Rick Mercer show. Unfortunately due to scheduling we could not make the second show work. Rick Mercer was our fastest sell-out to date, selling 700 tickets in one week.
- b. Chris Hadfield launched 10 days ago and we are sitting at 600 sold. Brad may be asking the Board for approval on a second show.

11. Business Arising

- a. Malcolm thanked Brad for his commitment and the hard work he focuses on the Centre. The accomplishments him and the staff have achieved over his time here have made a huge impact on the community. Brad's name is highly regarded throughout Sidney and the Peninsula.
- b. Sheilah commented on the extraordinary talent Brad has been able to secure. The Mary Winspear Centre has become a destination for entertainment.
- c. Brad thanks the Board for allowing him to take risks by working directly with agents to promote our own shows. We would not be able to provide these big names without the support from Sidney and North Saanich.

Next Meeting Date: Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Adjournment at 5:00 pm, followed by an in camera discussion with and without management.

