

# Minutes of Sidney & North Saanich Memorial Park Society Board Meeting March 28, 2017

Directors Present: Richard Paquette, Dick Reynolds, Stephen Roberts, Jane Hall, Bill Blair, Christie Hall, Conny McBride, Mel Sangha.

Executive Director: Brad Edgett

Regrets: John Bell, Mary Goodman, Dick Reynolds, Michael Shoemaker, Tim Chad - Town of Sidney Liaison

Liaisons: Jack Thornburgh, North Saanich Council. Barb Menzies, SD63

Meeting called to Order: Richard called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

## Approval of Agenda

The agenda was circulated.

Sheilah motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Jane. Approved.

## Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes from February 28, 2017 were circulated.

The word proposals will be used instead of appraisals under the Treasurers Report.

Motion made to adopt the minutes by Jane, seconded by Bill, minutes passed.

## Business Arising

Brad has only received one proposal from another accounting firm at this time. Many companies are busy because of tax season, therefore we will probably won't have all the proposals in before the AGM.

## Report from North Saanich Council Liaison

Denham Till House will be demolished as restoration would be too expensive. The district will publish notice of the demolition of the house in the District newsletter, and solicit public input on storyboards and ideas on future use. The three-acre park will remain.

### Report from SD63

After the Supreme Court ruling to bring in additional teachers, our district's biggest concern is creating space to accommodate new classes.

A public consultation on the White Road property will be held. It is not a space that could be used to build a new school. The district could look at re-zoning the property if needed.

SD63 has a good safety plan in place for all students traveling with school groups over spring break.

Parkland School is still interested in providing the International Baccalaureate Program, and is currently working through the planning and application process.

### Report from Chair

We received an email from the Community Arts Council president Diane Thorp. The email asked if the Foundation would create a trust that would hold funds that the Arts Council has set aside for an expansion, possibly at Mary Winspear Centre. Possession of these funds is causing them problems when applying for grants.

Jane motioned that Brad report back to Diane and offer further assistance in writing grant proposals and deny the acceptance of the money. Seconded by Conny. Approved.

As the AGM approaches we will need no less than eight board members. Those members should be a mix of Sidney and North Saanich residents. We have five returning members; Jane, Richard, Stephen, Christie and Conny. The nominations I suggest for another term are Mel, Michael, Bill and Dick.

Sheilah motioned to approve the nominations for Mel, Bill, Michael and Dick.

Seconded by Jane. Approved.

### Report from Treasurer

February's financials show a deficit of \$29,159, about \$2500 less than budgeted.

Total theatre revenue is up, as well as expenses and salaries. Bill motioned to accept the presented financials, seconded by Conny. Carried.

### Report from Executive Director

Brad met with the school district's Assistant Superintendent, Mark Fraser, along with Track 21 and the Soccer Association. The school district and the Soccer Association are now looking at a joint venture to raise \$4 million for facilities upgrades. As the landlord, MPS would have to be involved with the campaign. DeFrias Management Group that works on sports capital campaigns has been contacted, and Brad is currently waiting for a fee proposal that will be presented to the Board.

Two weeks ago the Town of Sidney received final approval to build the Community Safety Building. On Friday, March 31, there will be a groundbreaking ceremony held by the Town of Sidney.

Brad had a conversation with Stephen Roberts, and with his blessing and help a letter was sent to the provincial government requesting funds for the capital improvement fund and theatre improvements. They were not able to give us the \$75,000 we requested, but kindly gave \$25,000. At this time we are waiting to hear if they would like to do a cheque presentation. A thank you letter will be sent on behalf of the board.

There are a few members that still have to pay their annual membership fee. Carey will follow up with them.

On April 3-5, another movie will be using our parking lot.

New Business: No new business.

Next Meeting Date:

Our next meeting will be the AGM held on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment at 5:27 p.m., followed by an in camera discussion without management.