

Minutes of  
Sidney & North Saanich Memorial Park  
Society Board Meeting  
May 26, 2015

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**Directors Present:**

Brad Edgett, Richard Paquette, John Bell, Stephen Roberts, Bill Blair, Dick Reynolds, Mary Goodman, Steve Duck.

**Regrets:**

Tom Watson, Mel Sangha, Jane Hall, Sheilah Fea, Michael Shoemaker.

**Liaisons:** Victoria Martin, SD63  
Tim Chad, Sidney Council  
Heather Gartshore, North Saanich Council

**Guest:** David Spence

1. Meeting called to Order
  - a. Richard called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.
  
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. The agenda was circulated.
  - b. Steve motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Mary.
  - c. The Agenda was approved.
  
3. Adoption of the Minutes
  - a. The minutes from March 24, 2015 minute were circulated.
  - b. Changes: bullet b is actually two separate notes. i. North Saanich has been working on its strategic plan into 2018, ii. A 2.9% tax increase has been inherited.
  - c. Motion was seconded by Stephen, minutes passed with corrections.
  
4. Report from North Saanich Liaison
  - a. Please see attachment

5. Report from Sidney Liaison
  - a. The Sidney Council has approved the bi-law to include parking as a use of the airport parcel land and the property across from the Mary Winspear Centre on the highway.
  
6. Report from SD63
  - a. The SD63 board has approved to contribute \$15,000 for a feasibility study for a new 500-800 seat theatre located at Stelly's Secondary School. The entire feasibility study will cost \$35,000 which means the group will need to fundraise another \$20,000.
  - b. Parameters will be made for the study along with community consultations and meetings with the municipalities and district.
  
7. Report from the Chair
  - a. Donovan Waters passed the trust file onto another lawyer. The new lawyer is very cautious because recently the courts have not been quick to change other trusts.
  - b. There will be an informal meeting with the Attorney Generals representative and our lawyer which will allow for any issues in the trust to be brought up before going in front of the courts.
  - c. The MOU has been signed and Randy from the town is working with a lawyer to draw up lease papers. These documents will be helpful to show the courts how important it is for us to have the trust changed.
  
8. Treasurer Report
  - a. The 2015 budget that was approved in November has been amended with adjustments to municipal grants and expenses. Other revenue was lowered to \$162,000 because we did not receive a grant from the First Peoples Cultural Council that we anticipated.
  - b. \$75,000 will be put towards the news Capital Improvement Fund.
  - c. Bill made a motion to accept the revised 2015 budget, seconded by Steve. Motion carried.
  - d. The April Profit/Loss was \$6,200 compared to \$6,400 in budget.
  - e. Bill made a motion to approve the April financials, seconded by Steve. Motion passed.

9. Report from the Executive Director
  - a. April events: Randy Bachman, Buffy Sainte-Marie, SPAC Art Show, CFUW Conference, Pacific Brant Carving Art Show, Synergy Dance, Vintage, Retro Show, 2 weddings.
  - b. Randy Bachman and Buffy Sainte-Marie were brought in using the Claude Winspear Legacy fund for professional performers. The fund allows us to bring in performers that we would not normally have a budget for.
  - c. May 6-10 the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rhodo Convention was held at the centre bringing in over 400 registrants from around the world. They loved the Peninsula and would like the centre to be the preferred location for all of their conferences held every 2-3 years. A legacy garden of 200 Rhodos will be built behind the centre.
  - d. With help from Bill Lushaw we were able to arrange with West Coast Amusements a two hour period where Hannah Day and her family could attend the fair and ride the rides for free before it opened to the public. Hannah is battling cancer for the third time and her immune system prevents her from going out into the public. This was something very special that we were very happy to be a part of.
  - e. May events: New Day Ministries, David Suzuki, Sidney Concert Band, Thrifty Foods, Shake, Rattle & Roll, North Saanich Jubilee Storytellers.
  - f. Brad is creating a MPS/MWC membership card. There would be a yearly fee for the card with card holders receiving discounts on tickets, advance purchase options, update on events and extra perks. We need to come up with a price and discount that is fair for the centre and consumer.
  - g. Doug Guedes from Seafirst Insurance has expressed interest in the naming rights of Room 4. The price range for the room discussed was between \$20,000 and \$40,000. Moving Forward the board needs to agree on a price for the rooms and if they should be sold in perpetuity.

10. New Business

- a. The Canadian Government is giving away a large portion of money to organizations for the 150 Anniversary of Confederation in 2017. The centre would be a great candidate for the grant because of our history as a war memorial. We will have to have a capital venture to present in order to apply for the grant. The deadline for the application will pass before the next board meeting.

11. Next Meeting Date

- a. Our next meeting will be held June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

12. Adjournment at 5:25 pm followed by an in camera discussion.