

Minutes of Sidney & North Saanich Memorial Park Society Board Meeting November 1, 2016

Directors Present: John Bell, Sheilah Fea, Dick Reynolds, Christie Hall, Stephen Roberts, Conny McBride, Mary Goodman, Jane Hall, Michael Shoemaker, Bill Blair, Mel Sangha.

Executive Director: Brad Edgett

Regrets: Richard Paquette

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

Meeting called to Order: Sheilah called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was circulated.

Mary motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Stephen.

Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes from September 27, 2016 were circulated.

Motion made to adopt the minutes by Stephen, seconded by Conny, minutes passed.

Report from North Saanich Council Liaison

Denham Till House – has been referred to a future Committee of the Whole.

UBCM Award of Excellence – for the Sandown project.

Dunsmuir property – UVic recently held another Open House; no date set for the Public Hearing.

Sandown – DP application from the first tenant, Canadian Tire.

VIRL: decision on Panorama site presently on hold.

9270 Lochside Drive: an application for this property is moving forward; will include eight Habitat for Humanity homes.

Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Report and Databook recently presented to Council. Will inform our work on affordable housing.

Strategic Plan Update held recently.

Municipal Hall: anticipated completion April 2017.

The Jubilee Storybook *The Land Where it is Good to Be* is now available for purchase.

Resilience Planning Project: will be held Thursday, November 17, community welcome.
Applications for Appointments of Committees, Board and Commissions are being accepted; deadline is November 14th.

Report from Sidney Council Liaison

Single housing going up on small lots throughout Sidney.
Safety Building progressing with Airport Authority, the project is currently sitting with the Minister.
The hole has been dug for the low income housing on 4th Street.
Skateboard park ground is settling, there is only one spot that is still moving slightly.

Report from SD63

Superintendent Kevin Elder is retiring after 17 years with the district. A search has begun for a replacement.
Parkland Secondary has applied to offer the IB (International Baccalaureate) program. This program allows for advance placement in universities.
Stelley's Theatre study part II has just been completed. A public meeting will be held to share the findings.
All seismic upgrades on district schools will be completed by June 2017.
Final enrolment was up this year but not by a huge amount. High School was down but we are seeing growth in Elementary Schools, with Middle School staying the same. The additional enrolment keeps us out of protection funding.

Report from the Chair

There was no report from the Chair.

Report from Foundation

We are currently waiting for signatures at the bank. On Thursday we are meeting with Coast Capital.
The Donor Dinner was a great evening, re-connecting the donors of the Centre. The food and entertainment was amazing.

Treasurer Report

MPS P/L is unchanged from last month. The Town of Sidney has agreed to pay \$22,500, half of our legal fees from the Trust court proceedings.
MWC P/L should say January to September.
We are currently \$5,000 behind YTD budgeted.
Capital Improvement Fund shows \$119, 244
Bill motioned to accept the financials, seconded by John.

Report from the Executive Director

As part of the Easement negotiations the Town of Sidney agreed to pay 50% of our legal fees. This was voted unanimously at the last Council Meeting. Once we have received the cheque a thank you letter will be sent to the Town of Sidney and Council.

At the last Council Meeting Randy and Andrew presented the MOU for the easement and public parking. Council voted unanimously in favour of the MOU. It was valued at \$400,000 to be paid equally in five parts of \$80,000 a year for the next five years. The additional gravel parking lot will be paved, and they have also increased our funding from 2.5% to 3% for the next 15 years.

The Anniversary events were very well attended. It was important that we didn't use the Donor Dinner for fundraising. That evening was the first time in years that the founders had been together. One of the questions we had was if the building is moving in the direction they had envisioned when fundraising began... many are very pleased with how far the building has come.

There have been discussions with the VIRL that our land may be a better fit for a new Sidney/North Saanich Library. North Saanich has been looking at a new library at Panorama. Those discussions are currently on hold as the Centre looks to discuss this topic with the municipalities. For a project like this involving two not-for-profits, financial terms would have to work for both parties.

John motioned and Dick seconded that Brad have further discussions with the Executive Director of VIRL, the District of North Saanich and the Town of Sidney about potentially moving the Library onto MPS lands.

Motion carried.

Thank you to Carey for all of her work on the Anniversary project.

Report from Carey: On Halloween we worked with Panorama for our first joint event. The Rec Centre brought their Annual Spook Zone to the Bodine Hall where we had 400 children partake in activities including, pumpkin bowling, bouncy castles, face painting and a magic show.

New Business: No new business.

Next Meeting Date: Our next meeting will be held on November 29, 2016.

Adjournment at 5:20 pm, followed by an in camera discussion without management.