

Minutes of Sidney & North Saanich Memorial Park Society Board Meeting November 29, 2016

Directors Present: John Bell, Richard Paquette, Dick Reynolds, Stephen Roberts, Conny McBride, Jane Hall, Michael Shoemaker, Bill Blair.

Executive Director: Brad Edgett.

Regrets: Christie Hall, Mel Sangha, Mary Goodman, Sheilah Fea.

Guests: Dennis Sutton.

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

Meeting called to Order: Richard called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was circulated. It was noted that there would be no report from the Foundation. The next meeting date will be January 24th not 23rd.

Bill motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Conny. Carried.

Adoption of the Minutes:

The minutes from November 1, 2016 were circulated.

Last names of Town of Sidney employees mentioned were added in the printed minutes.

Motion made to adopt the minutes by John, seconded by Stephen, carried.

Report from North Saanich Council Liaison:

Jack Thornburgh attended the meeting on behalf of Heather Gartshore.

The District held a Resilience Planning Stakeholder Workshop on November 17 at the Mary Winspear Centre. The workshop was led by Tugce Conger, a PhD Candidate at the University of British Columbia. Its purpose was to define community-appropriate sea level rise adaption strategies.

Report from Sidney Council Liaison:

Town of Sidney council approved a loan to the Doctors Society for the continued renovation of the walk-in clinic and doctors' offices at Bevan and Fifth. They have become an incorporated society and await CRA approval before they can use their charitable status. Currently, the practice has four doctors with another two joining shortly. There is hope that there will be a domino effect attracting more doctors to the Peninsula.

Report from SD63:

The second phase of the Stelly's theatre feasibility study has been presented. It was recommended that if a theatre is to be built that it would accommodate 400 seats and provide niche programming. The school board is not interested in running a theatre, so questions remain as to how the theatre would be managed, and if the project would be supported by Central Saanich. Whether or not the theatre moves forward, the school does require upgrades to its current facilities, and that is something the District will be looking into.

Report from Foundation:

There was no report from the Foundation.

New Bylaws:

Report by Michael Shoemaker and Dennis Sutton.

The new BC Societies Act is now in effect. However, we do have some time to submit our updated Bylaws. At this board meeting we were open to discussion, and any proposed changes will be made and brought to the board at our next meeting. The bylaws finalized at the January meeting will be presented to our members for a final vote at our AGM in April. Christie, Jane and Bill have emailed feedback, including grammatical errors.

BC Societies provided a model bylaw which we compared with our current bylaws, cleaned up any imperfections, and reduced the document to simple language.

One issue debated was that a director currently can sit for a maximum of three two-year terms (six years) and then must step down for two years before reapplying to be a director. We welcome new directors, however, we do not want to discourage current ones who are keen to serve. Recently, it has not been an easy task to find members who are willing to sit on the board, so it was determined we would omit this rule. In the current bylaws it states an advisory committee of past members can be created to provide guidance on issues arising.

Qualifying phrases about delegation and responsibility found under 7.6 should also be added under 7.5.

5.1 states that the SD63 liaison will now become a non-voting director.

Michael moved that the bylaws presented be accepted in principle until a finalized copy be brought back for a final vote in January. Seconded by Stephen, motion carried.

Report from the Chair:

A letter from the Town of Sidney has been provided announcing council's decision on the possible library re-build on MPS lands. At this time the Town of Sidney will be proceeding with a 10-year lease at the library's current location. When council made this decision, MPS members felt that council did not have all relevant information, and the matter should be brought back to both Sidney and North Saanich Councils.

Jack: The VIRL admin believes we are underserved based on the combined population. We should have 1,400 sq ft of space. If it is decided to continue with the Resthaven location, an addition could be made without impacting either parking or the rose garden.

The easement MOU has been executed and is now over to the Town of Sidney to have their lawyers draft final documents.

Treasurer's Report:

MPS profit/loss numbers are virtually unchanged from last month. We did receive a cheque from the Town of Sidney for partial legal fees, so the loss will be cut in half.

MWC Profit/Loss Net Ordinary Income shows we are only \$4,000 away from our budget.

Looking ahead to November, we should achieve that sum. Shows originally scheduled for October are now confirmed for November, which does affect the budget positively.

Bill motioned to accept the financials, seconded by Michael. Carried.

Report from the Executive Director:

Brad reported that October, November, December will be very strong and that we would eclipse 2016 budget. A film call Pup Stars had just booked to shoot in the MWC Centre for December.

Brad went in Camera

New Business:

No new business.

Next Meeting Date:

Our next meeting will be held on January 24, 2017.

Adjournment at 5:25 p.m., followed by an in camera discussion without management.

