

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

Directors Present: Richard Paquette, Bill Blair, Christie Hall, Jane Hall, Dick Reynolds, John Bell, Mel Sangha.

Executive Director: Brad Edgett

Regrets: Sheilah Fea, Conny McBride

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

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

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was circulated.

John motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Dick. Agenda Approved.

Adoption of the Minutes

Bill motioned to adopt the Minutes from October's meeting.

There were two spelling corrections to be made.

Seconded by Christie, minutes were approved.

Report from North Saanich Council Liaison

The district adopted a new purchasing policy.

Lochside Drive land is advancing with a new subdivision of 17 single family homes and 10 Habitat for Humanity homes.

A public hearing was held regarding secondary suites in Dean Park. North Saanich Zoning Bylaw No. 1255 Amendment Bylaw No. 1434.

Report from Sidney Council Liaison

Building development of 24 units on Bevan Avenue is going ahead.

Single family homes will be built on Henry Avenue.

Two lots on Maryland Drive will be combined for residential building.

On November 28 at 7:00 PM the Sidney Fire Department will host an Emergency Preparedness Open House for the community.

Report from School District 63

Last month there was a question about the increase in enrolment and where those students are coming from. The majority are local families moving into the area. The Peninsula has become family friendly again with new developments being built. The increase does not have anything to do with international students.

The study for the second phase of the Stelly's Theatre is now public. The study shows two options with seating for 400 and 650. At this time there is no sustainable business plan on how the theatre will be run, which is important to the School District. Currently the estimated cost is between 22-28 million dollars. There will be no money coming from the District, the school must fundraise all of the money.

Report from Chair:

We have not concluded the CBS Easement agreement yet. It is still with the Town of Sidney, we are waiting to sign off on it.

Stephen Roberts has stepped down and tendered his resignation from the Board. We have received a number of suggestions for new Board members; and will follow up with those in January.

Treasurers Report:

MPS shows that we are behind budget by \$28,000 because of the delay on the parking agreement.

MWC Operating shows revenue up significantly which is mostly due to the Burton Cummings shows in October. Expenses are up \$180,000 because of the costs associated in producing our own shows. At the end of 10 months we are only \$20,000 away from budget.

The budget is forecast a year in advance. Some rentals are cancelled or moved which happened with the Church of God conference. They had committed to 2017 but had to cancel and our budget was already approved. Thankfully they are returning in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Bill motioned to approve the financials, seconded by John. Motion passed.

Report from Executive Director:

Looking ahead we are working on finding our next group of performers for 2018. It is becoming tricky to find those high calibre acts like Burton Cummings. We have launched Johnny Reid and have already sold 466 tickets.

The Star Cinema is currently looking for a temporary sport to work out of when the new development begins. Thankfully the new development will house a three-screen theatre. Brad has met with Sandy and the developer and talked about possible ways MWC can help while they are closed.

We have not done any Capital upgrades in the past month. Brad and the theatre staff have talked to a company about new scrims and curtains for the theatre.

Last night we held a theatre volunteer appreciation dinner and farewell party for our head volunteer Cathy

Aitken. It was a great night to recognize all of the hard work Cathy has given to the Centre over the past 16 years.

Coming up in December we have the Community Christmas Dinner and the toy drive campaign where we provide local families with gifts.

[Next Meeting Date:](#) Our next meeting will be held on January 23, 2018.

Adjournment at 4:55 p m., followed by an in camera discussion without management.