

# Minutes of Sidney & North Saanich Memorial Park Society Board Meeting October 27, 2015

## Directors Present

Brad Edgett, Richard Paquette, John Bell, Bill Blair, Jane Hall, Tom Watson, Sheilah Fea, Mel Sangha, Michael Shoemaker, Dick Reynolds.

## Regrets

Stephen Roberts, Steve Duck, Mary Goodman.

## Liaisons

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

## Meeting called to Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

## Approval of Agenda

The agenda was circulated.

Mel motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by John.

The agenda was approved.

## Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes from September 22, 2015 were circulated.

Motion made by Tom, seconded by Bill, minutes passed.

## Report from North Saanich Council Liaison

Pickleball: Lorraine Brewster of PRC will facilitate a group; indoor space, schools; outdoor space—cooperation; feeling positive; Wain Road—no lines for now

Secondary Suites: Motion passed 4-3 to exclude the Dean Park Estates from the Secondary Suite program; the bylaws will be revised accordingly, prior to going to Public Hearing.

Boat Ramp: We have written to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to enquire further about their commitment to consider funding boat ramps at Tsartlip and Pauquachin reserves. We have also asked Ministry staff to provide specific details about the aviation safety concerns expressed in their letter.

Jubilee Park Landscape Plan and Children's Playground: Adopted a development plan for the park; some work to begin based on funds received; community fundraising program to be undertaken

Municipal Hall: A project management and construction services contract for Phase Two of the MH project has been signed with Verity Developments; budget is \$2, 475, 900. Ground breaking ceremony: 1:30 pm on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bylaw 1352/Area1 and 2: Council unanimously supported a motion to undertake a Goals and Community Values Survey, assessing attitudes related to future growth and density in NS. The results will inform our next steps regarding the need for an OCP review and potential scope.

Hiring Committee: Mayor Finall, the CAO, Director of Corporate Services, and one Councillor (myself) will interview candidates for the Director of Planning and Community Services position, as well as the Director of Infrastructure Services. Suitable candidates will have a final interview with Council.

#### Report from Sidney Council Liaison

A liquor store is to be built beside Clair Downey, and concern regarding parking has been raised and shared with the District of North Saanich.

Many single family homes are being built in Sidney currently.

#### Report from SD63

The new school year shows enrolment up in the district by almost 300 students.

SD63 has continued to meet with Wsanec School District to continue to work towards creating common goals between districts. The First Nations' students are the largest growing group.

Stelly's Theatre feasibility study has begun. There was to be a meeting held for interested groups, but this has not happened yet as the study was late starting.

#### Report from the Chair

Trust Update:

Court heard our application to revise our trust last Friday.

Ron, Tim, Michael, Brad and Sheilah and I attended.

Court not asked to replace entire document.

Most significant items:

- Definition of Residents to exclude Gulf Islands.

- Remove limitation on lease term.

- Power to carry on business.

Remove power of residents to require trustee to cancel leases on 30 day notice without cause.

Include obligation to maintain a war memorial.

Permit the use of funds from expropriation on any trust property.

AG's lawyer was confusing, appeared to support some of our requested changes, but also made the argument that the proposed lease with the Town was offside the purposes of the trust because it did not allow direct access and use by the residents.

Our lawyer responded by saying the court is not being asked to deal with the possible lease with the Town (or any other lease) It was simply asked to deal with our proposed changes to the Trust. Legal discussion regarding the court's powers to revise a trust.

Limited to those changes which are absolutely necessary to achieve the purpose of the trust.

No time given when court will make decision.

Brad and I will continue to work with the Town to prepare draft lease.

5 Year business plan:

Next month, Board will consider 2016 budget.

Organizations such as ours need a longer term vision, typically five years.

Brad was asked to prepare an outline of the five-year plan for the Board's consideration and input. Plan requires Board involvement, may require a special meeting to deal with the specific initiatives we wish to undertake.

### Treasurer Report

We had a good September, up \$4000 from last year.

Blue Heron Park maintenance was over budget by \$6,700 because of tree and fence maintenance.

Motion made by Bill to pass the financials, seconded by John.

### Report from the Executive Director

Financials:

Theatre cost always exceeds theatre revenue because the advertising costs are incorporated into theatre costs.

Weddings in September and October were up 30%

Peninsula Soccer Association:

PSA is exploring doing a capital campaign to replace the grass fields with turf.

They are having a study done as to viability of the change.

As we are the landlords, they must ask our permission to make the changes. PSA will be making a

presentation to the Board.

The projected cost is between \$1.3-1.5 million.

#### Parkland Track:

The Parkland track must be discussed in 2016, as it is unsafe for use

There will be a meeting arranged in the new year between MPS, SD63, and Peninsula Track Association

#### Event Updates:

Sold out Brett Kissel and Jesse Cook shows in September

Return of the Phantom of the Opera and A Night of Irish Music & Dance, which was a new client.

We had an Expedia Cruiseship tradeshow, and there is an upcoming nut and dried fruit exhibition.

The Sidney Fine Art Show had 6,000 visitors, down a couple of thousand from the previous years.

They also had a drop in their volunteer numbers of about 100. Brad will be meeting with the new CACSP president to see how the Centre can help them moving forward with the show

In November we already have three sold out shows Pink Floyd, Barra MacNeils, and Natalie MacMaster

#### Margot Winspear:

Last Tuesday, Margot Winspear passed away at the age of 83 after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

The family is confirming plans for a memorial that could take place in Dallas. Brad has told the family that he will try and make it, depending on the date.

#### New Business

No new business.

#### Next Meeting Date

Our next meeting will be held November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Adjournment at 5:10 pm, followed by an in camera discussion.