

# Minutes of Saanich Peninsula Memorial Park Society Board Meeting October 26, 2021

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## Directors Present:

Sheilah Fea, Jane Batty, Ross Imrie, Floyd Mailhot, Dick Reynolds, Bruce McLarty.

**Liaisons:** Heather Gartshore, North Saanich. Nola Silzer, SD63. Scott Garnett, Sidney.

**Regrets:** Linda Pendray.

**Guests:** Ander Rosequist

**Executive Director:** Brad Edgett

1. Meeting Called to Order
  - a. Sheilah called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.
  - b. Sheilah introduced new Board member Ander Rosequist who will be voted in at the AGM.
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. The agenda was circulated.
  - b. Jane moved to approve the agenda seconded by Ross, agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. Minutes from the September meeting will be approved at the next regular meeting.
4. Report from SD63
  - a. Student enrolment in Saanich this year was 200 over forecast for a total enrolment of 7389 students. In addition, there are 220 international students attending schools in the district.
  - b. The District's Strategic Planning Process is well underway and there is an online survey on the District website which is open until November 7 for all students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members.
  - c. Food security continues to be an ongoing concern. All schools in Saanich provide some food to students, and different schools offer either breakfast, lunch or snacks at no cost depending on the need. Programs are targeted at students/families in need, and are supported financially by parent and community

groups. As healthy nutrition is connected directly to learning, food security is a priority in our school community.

5. Report from North Saanich

a. Forest Park Drive/Kelset Elementary School Traffic Study

North Saanich will initiate safety improvements within the road right-of-way and SD63 will commit appropriate resources to Kelset Elementary School for implementation, education, and enforcement initiatives to support the safety improvements within the school property.

SD63 to evaluate options for additional parking facilities on their property Haro Park Terrace- speed limit dropped, ongoing dialogue with residents

b. OCP Review

Staff will report back to Council on November 22 with a revised Phase 2 Engagement Concepts Report and revised Phase 2 Engagement Plan.

6. Report from Sidney

- a. Over 1000 responses regarding the Beacon wharf. The vast majority do not want either option proposed. The decision on the wharf has not been made and there will be more public consultation to come.

7. Treasurers Report

- a. Ross will do a comparison between the funds we have invested at the Victoria Foundation and the ones we have with Scotia McLeod to show how well each one is doing compared to the other.

- b. Investment committee will have a meeting before the AGM.

8. Report from Executive Director:

a. Out of Camera Report: Foundation Recommendation

After all the consultations, it is my recommendation that we continue with the MWC Foundation as it stands and look at making some minor changes with regards to reporting and consolidation of certain funds, thus lowering the operational cost of the Foundation, but not tying the hands of future Boards, Executive Directors and future endeavours of the MWC Foundation and the SPMPs.

Ross motioned to receive the information out of camera, seconded by Floyd. Motion approved.

- b. Brad met with Sharon Hope, Friends of North Saanich Parks Society to address the invasive species in Blue Heron Park. A group has been made to create a plan to work on the Park in the spring. Floyd will act as a facilitator between MPS and the NS Park Society.
  
- c. On Remembrance Day the Centre is working with the Legion and ANAVETS to provide a live stream of the Ceremony in Sidney. The town is encouraging everyone not to gather and watch online instead.

Next Meeting Date: The AGM will be held on November 23 at 4:00pm.

Adjournment at 4:51 pm, followed by in camera with and without management.