

Minutes of

Sidney & North Saanich Memorial Park
Society Board Meeting, July 5, 2016

Directors Present

Richard Paquette, John Bell, Dick Reynolds, Sheilah Fea, Christie Hall, Jane Hall, Conny McBride, Stephen Roberts, Mel Sangha, Mary Goodman, Bill Blair, Michael Shoemaker

Executive Director

Brad Edgett

Regrets Heather Gartshore, District of North Saanich
Tim Chad, Town of Sidney

Liaisons

Barb Menzies, SD63

North Saanich Councillor Jack Thornburgh on behalf of Heather Gartshore

Meeting called to Order Richard called the meeting to order at 4:01pm

Approval of Agenda The agenda was circulated. Mary motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Sheilah. Jane asked that discussion about the LNG Town Hall security and the June 2 Omicron Open House be added under New Business. Agenda as amended approved.

Adoption of the Minutes The minutes from May 24, 2016 were circulated.

A digital copy of May's District of North Saanich report will be circulated with these Minutes. Motion made by Sheilah, seconded by John, Minutes passed.

Report from SD63

The end of the school year has come to a close with many graduations. First Nations graduations continue to grow each year.

Stelly's grade 12 students climbed the highest peak on Vancouver Island, Mount Albert Edward, with classmate Ottalie Garvin who has cerebral palsy.

SD63 is still working on Project 2020 collecting information from the public to work on goals for the next four years.

Brad met with Kevin Elder about the Parkland Track a few months ago. Informal talks with Parkland's principal have also taken place. At this time there are no remedies without public help due to budget. Hopefully there will be more to come in the fall.

Report from North Saanich Council Liaison

VIRL: We are continuing to explore the possibility of a new branch on the Panorama site. Staff are compiling a list of FAQs for posting on the District website, welcoming comments from our residents. We anticipate further discussion in July or August.

Community Values Survey/Bylaw 1352: Council made the decision to not proceed with Focus Group. The final Ipsos Reid report and associated Staff report appeared on June 27th COW Agenda, but was deferred to the July 18th meeting.

Dunsmuir Lodge: Council approved drafting a bylaw to amend the OCP and Zoning Bylaw for the land use and subdivision associated with the proposed Homewood mental health and addictions treatment facility.

Vision Sandown: CR-FAIR presented a report on their recent consultation regarding the future use of the Sandown property. The report is available on the DNS website.

Sandown: Council received the Agriculture Land Assessments and Preliminary Drainage Plan prepared by Madrone Environment Services. A number of questions and concerns were identified that must still be addressed; we anticipate a follow-up staff report shortly.

Municipal Hall: Due to renovations and the move into the new wing, the hall will be closed Friday, July 8th and Monday, July 11th, reopening Tuesday the 12th. The contact number will not be available during this closure; for enquiries, please call 250-857-0861.

Effective immediately, Council meetings will be held at the North Saanich Fire Hall on Wain Road.

Meetings and summer schedule: Monday, July 18th, Monday, August 15, Monday September 12.

The new fire chief is John Trelford. Gary Wilton retired on June 30 after 38 years with the department.

Report from Sidney Council Liaison

There was no report from Sidney Council.

Sheilah attended the Council meeting on Monday, June 27th when Council voted to build the Safety Building on the airport land. Councillor Peter Wainwright suggested the Town take a two-prong approach where MPS continues along and takes the Trust and lease back to court, while still looking at the airport land as an option. Both opportunities will take 4-6 months to proceed. There was a seconder for the motion, however the other five councillors voted to move forward with the airport land proposal. It was suggested that Council would vote to help MPS with the cost of legal fees for the Trust changes.

Report from the Chair Richard believes that the resident use in the proposed lease does conform to the Trust. As a trustee, we could have signed the lease. According to North Saanich's lawyer, if the lease were signed we would have had opposition from residents. North Saanich wanted and expected us to bring it back to court which would have cost us a significant amount of money and time. The majority of the risk would fall on the Town of Sidney, and if they had moved forward and there was a freeze on the project, the Town could be in trouble. On Monday night, Sidney voted to move on. The option they are proposing is just to the south of us. As it is vital that they have access to Beacon Avenue, they will be requiring an easement through our property.

Richard: Motion to enter into discussion with the Town of Sidney about a right-of-way to their Safety Building.

Seconded by John. Vote 8 yes, 5 no, motion carries.

Foundation Report

Sheilah noted that the Foundation has \$147,000 invested with Scotia McLeod. It will be proposed to the Foundation Board that the \$2,300 in interest be given to Mary Winspear Centre. Brad will email a formal request for those funds.

A motion to re-invest the \$147,000 for 1-3 years will also be proposed to the Foundation board. Sheilah will also ask that Ron Gurney be allowed to be involved with the investment negotiations.

Treasurer Report

Year-to-Date revenue is down over budgeted, and expenses are lower than budgeted as well. Theatre revenue in May was down \$7,000 from what was projected.

Other revenue is up over last year because of a grant from SeaFirst Insurance, catering cost recoveries, and Save on Foods parking payment, which total around \$9,500.

Bodine Hall rentals are down almost half due to a wedding that was scheduled then cancelled and re-booked in August.

Wages are up because of extra hours and extra workers used for large shows and event set-up. The Municipal grants are issued quarterly.

Bill motioned to approve the financials, seconded by Conny.

Report from Executive Director

May was a good month for us budget-wise, and we are ahead \$3,000 for the month.

The capital fund holds \$87,994.

In May, both The Sidney by the Sea Rotary and the Sidney Anglers Fishing Derby had the best turnouts of all time. The Centre also had the honour of hosting the memorial for Ian Henniger.

The Town of Sidney has opened an RFP to run the Sidney Tourist Information Centre. The info centre is currently run by the Saanich Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. It would be of interest to the Mary Winspear Centre to make a proposal with the SBIA to run the info Centre together. We currently have the infrastructure to run it along with their current volunteers, and we would be able sell MWC tickets in that location as well.

Brad asked for a motion from the board to explore the opportunity of running the Sidney Visitor Centre with the SBIA. Brad to supply a business plan to the Board for an email vote.

Motion moved by Michael, seconded by Jane. Carried.

July and August are unbelievable with Colin James, and with the first Buffy Sainte-Marie show sold out we added a second show. Buffy will also be here to help open the First Nations Art Show on August 8th. Pianist Michael Kaeshammer will be performing on July 24.

The service for Ralph Bodine will be held on July 9th at their family home. Brad would be happy to attend on behalf of the board and the Centre.

New Business

Joe Lott, former principal of both Parkland and Claremont passed away. His funeral will be on July 30th at St. Mary Church, followed by a celebration at Deep Cove Chalet.

The feedback on the security LNG Town Hall Meeting was unfavourable towards the Centre. There were many older people being searched and having their bags checked.

With any large event a security plan is always considered. During the planning meetings, North Saanich, Mary Winspear, RCMP, and Steelhead LNG agreed to hire security and also to use members from the RCMP. In total, there were 10 security personnel in attendance. In the past Steelhead has run into problems. Due to the emotional considerations and subject matter of this particular town hall meeting, the group decided to rule on the side of caution.

Jane attended the Omicron meeting on June 2. When she arrived earlier there were already people waiting outside the door. They knocked on the locked door and were told that they would be let in at 6:00 p.m. When the doors were finally opened there were no chairs for elderly/ailing persons to sit after waiting outside. The Mary Winspear staff was asked by the public to bring in more chairs. It was not advertised that it would be a storyboard open house format rather than a town hall style meeting.

It was suggested that a letter stating the real facts on how MPS was treated by North Saanich be presented to Mayor and Council, and that it be added to the agenda at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment at 5:40 p.m., followed by an in camera discussion with and without management.

NS Council Liaison Report

May 24th, 2016

LNG Town Hall Meeting: confirmed for May 31st at the Mary Winspear Centre

The 2016 Budget process has been concluded:

- 1.8% tax increase for all property classes (1% to reserves)
- 2.0% water
- 2.0% sewer

Council has considered the CRD draft Regional Growth Strategy and provided feedback.

Council has authorized Young Anderson to represent the District in responding to an application for leave to appeal at the Supreme Court of Canada in the Nav Canada matter.

Council received a Flood Construction Level Study report; a workshop to present the results will be held on Tuesday June 7th at 9 a.m. at the Mary Winspear Centre.

The 2015 Audited Financial Statements were approved.

MPS Trust—our concerns have been shared with the Chair and Executive Director, and were well articulated at the AGM. We have nothing further to report at this time.

The findings of the recent telephone Community Survey have been presented to Council; focus groups to follow in June, with a final report expected mid-July.

North Saanich Council has sent \$5,000 to the Red Cross in support of the Fort McMurray fire evacuees; the Alberta and federal governments will match this amount