

SATURNA ISLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (SIPRC)

Regular Meeting Minutes

14 December 2017 @ 4:30 pm Parks & Rec Office

Present: Joan Hoskinson—Chair; Hubertus Surm—Vice-Chair; Tom Koochin—Treasurer; Priscilla Zimmerman; Tina Raudzu; Jane Dixon-Warren; Ian Gaines; Fiona MacRaild (via speakerphone)

1. CALL TO ORDER – 16:31

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – adopted

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 9 November 2017 – approved

4. REPORTS:

➤ CHAIR –

- Joan extends the thanks of Parks & Recreation Commissions to Hubertus and Jane for years of service to the Saturna Island Commission.
- Message from a resident regarding A156 Cliffside, reporting that a tree had come down to block trail access. Joan contacted Ian Middleditch but when they meet at the site the tree had already been removed. Reminder of CRD procedure/guidelines for fallen trees and dangerous trees.
- Received a phone call from John Hutchinson about White House, wondering if insurance covers inside liability as the fire department insurance only covers exterior of structure. Joan has contacted the CRD and they are looking into it.
- Email received from David Howe; Priscilla & Ian will be continuing on as Commissioners for another 2 year term. The two other vacant spots have been filled by approval from CRD; Paul Brent & John Simpson. Joan congratulates and welcomes new and returning Commissioners.

➤ VICE-CHAIR –

- Hubertus has signing authority on account, will continue for up to 3 months, needs to be reassigned and authorized through CRD
- Integral part of Parks operations is having Commissioners to look after right a ways & trail maintenance
- Concerned about the election process; Commission has the responsibility and democratic right to elect and recommend Commissioners.

- Commissioners needed from all parts of island, currently half from Winter Cove
- **TREASURER** – Tom; review latest financial report
 - Some outstanding expenses still coming in
 - Surplus monies will be moved into next year’s budget
 - Review 2018 Budget
 - Current list of Commission’s assets presented totaling \$301,016 including real estate. Lyall Creek structures soon to be removed from list. Portable BBQ worth \$8,901 still needs a VIN to be registered in order to be insured for transportation.

Motion to accept financial reports

Moved by Joan

Seconded by Hubertus

Carried

5. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION –

- East Point Wetland Project Proposal – Presentation given by Susie Washington-Smyth, Mark Timmings and Steven Morris
 - Phase I includes an environmental assessment of the property
 - The Money family is willing to donate part of the land for tax credits
 - Asking Parks & Rec for an initial \$20,000 to put into an Island’s Trust fund plus \$5,000 per year for 5 years for a total ask of \$45,000
 - Looking to preserve the wetland and allow for global viewing as well as creating new trails
 - Creative fundraising opportunities
 - Hubertus inquires why there was an interest in purchasing 20 years ago; water conservation was the initial interest
 - Hubertus also states he would like to see financial support from East Point residents
 - Priscilla would like to have a walk through scheduled
 - Tom reminds Commission that donations/expenditures of this amount will need to approved by CRD
 - Susie and Mark are looking to have an official application put together for the Island’s Trust meeting on April 3rd, looking for formal letter of support from Parks & Rec to include in their package to Island’s Trust
 - Joan holds an unofficial poll which shows the support of 7 Commissioners interested in seeing this project move forward
 - Joan will send a note to the delegation indicating Parks & Rec’s support.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES –

- **LYALL CREEK HOUSE-**
 - Permits are in the works
 - Septic system needs to be pumped out, contractor that has been contacted needs at least 2 other jobs to make it to Saturna

Action Item: Tina to post sign to see if there are other residents who need septic services

- SOLSTICE COMMITTEE –
 - Hubertus providing Hot Chocolate & Hot Apple Cider
 - Ian starting fire
 - Priscilla working on advertising/promotion with posters, Facebook
 - Looking into bringing down some music and/or Saturna Singers
 - Tina offers to tarp burning pile before rain starts this weekend

- THOMSON PARK LEGACY PROJECT –
 - Tina has put in the first tree!

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- Lamb BBQ Docks – Tom has spoken with Jacques Campbell who is in the works of selling the estate for spring 2018
- Funding application forms – scope of funding will be added onto the website

8. FUNDING REQUESTS -

- Saturna Christmas Bird Count 2017

Motion #196 – Be it resolved that SIPRC support the SIMRES Christmas Bird Count for \$330.

Moved by Priscilla Seconded by Jane Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS –

- Calendar of events 2018
 - ❖ Thomson Park Clean Up Day May 5th
 - ❖ Taylor Point Row June 10th
 - ❖ Parks Canada Day – Ice Cream July 14th?
 - ❖ Salmon BBQ – Fiona, Dan & Hubertus to meet and confirm date
 - ❖ Solstice Dec. 21st
- Priscilla expresses that she openly lobbied for John Simpson as a new Commissioner

10. ADJOURNMENT – 18:08

Next Regular Meeting – Thursday 11 January 2018 @ 4:30 pm

Contracted Recorded Secretary—Chaya Katrensky