

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

Directors Present: John Bell, Richard Paquette, Dick Reynolds, Stephen Roberts, Jane Hall, Bill Blair, Michael Shoemaker.

Executive Director: Brad Edgett

Regrets: Christie Hall, Mel Sangha, Mary Goodman, Sheilah Fea, Conny McBride.

Guests: David Spence, Dennis Sutton

Liaisons: Tim Chad, Sidney Council. Heather Gartshore, North Saanich Council. Elsie McMurphy, SD63

Meeting called to Order: Richard called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was circulated.

2016 Investments and January financials will be moved forward to the next meeting due to the audit.

Bill motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by John. Approved

Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes from January 24, 2017 were circulated.

The Capital Budget will be moved under the Treasurers Report.

Motion made to adopt the minutes by Dick, seconded by Bill, minutes passed.

Report from North Saanich Council Liaison

Four new Pickleball courts will be constructed at Wain Road Park.

Municipal Hall: anticipated completion in mid-May 2017.

BL 1352: Housing Affordability Discussion Paper -- ***SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION***

Council has moved to restrict new development proposals to those which exclusively provide affordable housing through the recognized affordable housing providers in Areas 1 and 2 (non-market subsidized housing).

Report from Sidney Council Liaison

Ministry of Transportation has informed the Town that the pedestrian overpass connecting East and West Sidney will be on the North side of the Beacon – Highway intersection.

Sidney is still going ahead with densification in accordance to the zoning bylaws.

Request to building out and high on the property behind the totem pole on Ocean Ave must be resubmitted to accommodate the current bylaws.

Portions of Resthaven have been paved after ground work. Full re-paving of Resthaven will happen in the spring.

A 0.6% tax increase has been approved.

Report from SD63

A public budget meeting will be held at Bayside Middle School, for an overview of the present budget. This year's budget is in better standing than usual. The district has had to cut only half a million when usually it cuts around one million.

The Government will be funding additional teachers which will include 15 positions in our district. This funding however will not include classrooms and ancillary costs.

Dave Eberwein has been chosen as the new Superintendent.

There will be a community consultation on the White Road property owned by the district. We would like the public to give ideas on what should happen with the property.

At the next board meeting it will be recommended that \$300,000 be put toward track maintenance and drainage in the Parkland field.

MPS Bylaws

Michael reported that at a previous meeting the Bylaws were approved in principal. Since then all the suggestions were taken and incorporated along with cleaning up any grammatical errors.

After reading this final document there are still some final changes: i. 3.7 should read special general meeting or general meeting; ii. numbers should be consistence as found in 3.3.

Dennis reported that Previously Unalterable Clauses must be kept in the Bylaws even though they may contradict any of the new ones. Once the bylaws have been registered a special resolution can be made to take them out. As part of the notice of AGM all members will receive wording of this special resolution.

Michael motioned to approve the new MPS draft Bylaws as presented on February 28th and once approved then present them for approval by members on April 25th 2017 at the Annual General Meeting.

Seconded by John, passed unanimously.

Report from Chair

The Town of Sidney is still awaiting confirmation from the Minister of Transportation. There could be a decision next week.

Report from Treasurer

There are no financial updates because we are currently being audited. We have used Hughesman Morris for many years and it is general practice to either change accounting firms or receive appraisals from others to conduct our audit.

Bill made the motion to allow Brad to get quotes from two additional firms along with Hughesman Morris for the 2017 audit. Seconded by Dick motion carried.

Report from Executive Director

The 2017 Goals were updated with the suggestions from the Board. Brad asked that the 2017 Goals be accepted so that he can move forward with implementation. Seconded by Bill, motion carried.

Brad continued talks with SD63 about the track at this time: money is what is missing. MPS, Track 21 and SD63 will have to work together to move this project along.

Planning has begun on Canada 150 events with the Town, District and SBIA. This is a good time to thank the community and councils and get everyone involved.

The Town of Sidney is working on a phased plan for the additional parking. Grounds maintenance should begin when Brian Robinson returns.

New Business: No new business.

Next Meeting Date: Our next meeting will be held on March 28, 2017.

Adjournment at 4:52 pm, followed by an in camera discussion without management.