

# Minutes of Sidney & North Saanich Memorial Park Society Board Meeting June 27, 2017

Directors Present: Richard Paquette, Dick Reynolds, Stephen Roberts, Jane Hall, Christie Hall, Conny McBride, Mel Sangha, Sheilah Fea

Executive Director: Brad Edgett

Regrets: John Bell, Bill Blair, Barb Menzies

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

Meeting called to Order: Richard called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m.

## Approval of Agenda

The agenda was circulated.

There will be no report from the School District. Sheilah will be reporting on the Foundation. Sheilah motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Stephen. Approved.

## Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes from May 22, 2017 were circulated.

Page 2 refers to the parking agreement, additional .5% instead of 5% from Town of Sidney. Motion made to adopt the minutes by Jane, seconded by Conny, minutes passed.

## Report from North Saanich Council Liaison

Block Party Policy: effective immediately

RGS: North Saanich is one of seven (7) municipalities opposing the RGS and have joined the process for a non-binding dispute resolution process.

2016 SOFI Report

Funding for National Aboriginal Day to Tseycum Nation.

Council recently adopted the following motion:

United Nations Declaration: Indigenous Peoples

Whereas the District of North Saanich is located in the WSANEC traditional territory and the WSANEC people have a long, rich history in the area, and

Whereas the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action* item #43 states, “We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation.”, therefore

Be it resolved that Council, further to the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:

(a) declares that the District of North Saanich is committed to learning from the lessons of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and taking action to ensure the needs and aspirations of Indigenous people are fully acknowledged;

(b) is committed to a renewed nation to nation relationship with Indigenous people based on truth, dignity and mutual respect and on recognition of rights, co-operation and partnership;

(c) is committed to honouring the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action by supporting in a practical way the following pathways to reconciliation:

- fostering communities, alliances and hope, to demonstrate the District’s commitment to reconciliation;
- advancing awareness and recognizing rights, to commit to truth-telling and commemoration;
- improving health and wellness initiatives.

#### Report from Sidney

There are many upcoming Canada 150 events happening in Sidney including the Block Party on Beacon, the Red and White Dinner at Beacon Park and the Skate Park Opening on July 2.

There is a lot of construction happening in Sidney. Resthaven will be paved in the next few days. Council is getting ready to adopt the new noise bylaw and parking changes.

Right now they are driving piles into the CSB ground and will start digging soon.

#### Report from Foundation

A meeting was held with the Fundraising Committee. We are looking to start a campaign in the fall raising 1.6 million for facility upgrades. The Foundation will present a proposal at the September meeting showing the campaign with a ask for funds needed from MPS to start the campaign.

### Report from Chair

We have had a sad month first with the passing of Stan Bamford. Stan was a member of Sidney Council and an MPS board member for many years. He was dedicated to growing the Societies membership. He also made the wood podiums, bar tops and art rails in the Centre. His family has asked if we would put a memorial plaque in the garden by the pond.

Richard motioned to have a plaque made, seconded by Jane, approved.

The passing of Michael Shoemaker was very sad for all of us on the Board and the Centre's staff. He worked closely with many of you on the Trust and Bylaws. He was fun to work with and had a great sense of humour.

Brad will talk with Michael's family to see if a memorial plaque would be welcomed.

Congratulations to Stephen for running an incredible campaign!

The CSB Easement has been referred to our lawyer Wendy Everson. We met with her and she has been in conversation with Sidney's lawyer. The documents have still not been signed off on because there is some fine tuning happening. We are in the position to sign soon.

### Report from Treasurer

Brad reported the Capital Fund has \$98,000 currently.

There is still some outstanding accounts receivable still showing for 2017.

\$343,000 in liabilities.

May had a \$1000 surplus than budgeted.

Salaries are charged back to the clients in the income line. Pup Stars will be back this summer for eight weeks which will amount to \$130 - \$150 thousand in revenue.

Richard motioned to approve the financials seconded by Conny.

### Report from Executive Director

2017 Goals Progress Report

#### Enhancing Community Well-being:

Soccer association lease will be completed in October upon the result from the gas tax grant application. If they are successful we will increase the lease area and look at re-establishing the Blue Heron Park Committee.

Parking agreement with the Town of Sidney has almost been concluded. We are waiting on sign off from our lawyers.

New lighting and sound equipment has been installed in the Theatre.

New floor scrubber has been purchased.

Bathroom quotes will be arriving in November.

I am looking at quotes from Coastal Outdoors and Pattison for the reader board.

Fiscal Sustainability:

On pace to receive the payments from the Town of Sidney for the Parking and CSB Easement.

We are promoting Hotel California at the Port Theatre in Nanaimo.

Philip and Brad are currently looking at other theatre fee models to implement a “theatre improvement fee” in the fall.

We Increased grant funding thanks to the \$25,000 from the Province.

Effective Community Engagement:

Working group set up including Carey, Myself and Heather Gartshore to increase membership to the Friends of the Mary Winspear Centre.

Mary Winspear staff increased MWC community profile through events such as New Year’s Tea, Sidney Canada 150 events, Children’s Festival, North Sannich Picnic.

Good Governance:

Completed and filed new Constitution and Bylaws to comply with BC Societies Act.

Completed 5 year capital plan, operating plan will be completed in summer 2017.

Conny motioned to approve the Capital Report, seconded by Sheilah.

New Business: No new business.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment at 5:25 p.m., followed by an in camera discussion without management.