

Minutes of Saanich Peninsula Memorial Park Society Board Meeting March 6, 2018

Directors Present: Richard Paquette, Bill Blair, Christie Hall, Sheilah Fea, Dick Reynolds, John Bell

Executive Director: Brad Edgett

Regrets: Mel Sangha, Jane Hall, Conny McBride. Barb Menzies, SD63.

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

Meeting called to Order: Richard called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was circulated.

Sheilah motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Dick. Agenda Approved.

Adoption of the Minutes

Sheilah motioned to adopt the Minutes from February's meeting.

Seconded by Bill, minutes were approved.

New Business

1. The theatre risk analysis will be deferred to the next meeting.
2. Holy Cow is in the process of building a new page on our website. Brad will update us on the progress at the next meeting.

Report from North Saanich Council Liaison

An Emergency Program Strategic Plan was adopted which will establish and maintain the Emergency Management Committee.

Sandown Park Shopping Centre—there will be staggered night closures and a relaxation of the noise bylaw to allow work at night for the installation of sewer and water services along McDonald Park Road from Glamorgan to Mills Road. The noise bylaw has also been relaxed to allow work on Saturdays until 7 pm and on Sundays and holidays.

Whole Community Agricultural Strategy—staff is working on a detailed implementation plan.

West Saanich Road Bike Lanes—project is moving ahead.

Draft 2018 Budget: proposes overall property tax increase of 1.78%: .7% to fund municipal operations and 1.08% to infrastructure replacement. 4.1% increase in the water rate and .76% change in the annual sewer rate.

Report from Chair:

We will have vacancies for directors at the AGM. Richard and Brad have been talking to several possibilities, one being Richard Isaac, a retired lawyer who lives in North Saanich.

With the vacancies left by Stephen Roberts and Michael Shoemaker, and with Christie Hall stepping down, we ideally are looking for two people from North Saanich and one from Sidney.

Please continue to send any new Board member suggestions to Richard or Brad.

Treasurer's Report:

There were no January financials because of the audit.

As of February 22 we had \$329,000 held with Scotia McLeod with a 7.74% return last year. In the past we have relied on these holdings at Scotia McLeod to pay for Blue Heron Park maintenance. A portion of the money we now receive from the Town of Sidney for the easements will be used toward Blue Heron Park.

Report from Executive Director:

The overview of the MWC Productions gives an idea of the variety of shows we put on and the costs and risks associated with each production. Total surplus over the year was \$137,334.66. Our patrons really look forward to seeing who we are bringing to the theatre next and have been very supportive.

Johnny Reid kicked off his nationwide tour here in Sidney. Johnny and his team were great to work with and were very complimentary for the facility and our staff. He understood this was a big risk for us. The best part is he can't wait to come back!

Brad has been working on a four-part speaker series that will take place this spring and fall. Three of the speakers have been confirmed: Wade Davis, Andrew Coyne and Peter Mansbridge. Tickets will go up for sale as soon as the fourth speaker is confirmed. Ideally we would like to sell it as a series rather than individually.

Report from Sidney Council:

The corner of 4th Street and Beacon Avenue will come down to make room for a multi-level commercial/condo structure.

Six town houses will be built on the corner of 5th Street and Orchard Avenue.

The Youth Health Clinic will open again starting March 15. It will be open Thursday evenings from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Funding has come from Island Health and the Family/Youth Court Justice Committee. There are six doctors who will be working in rotation.

Next Meeting Date: Our next meeting will be held on April 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

The MPS AGM will be held on May 22, 2018 at 7:00pm, followed by the Foundation AGM.

Adjournment at 5:00 p.m., followed by an in camera discussion without management.

