

Minutes of Saanich Peninsula Memorial Park Society Board Meeting September 29, 2020

Directors Present:

Sheilah Fea, Jane Batty, Linda Pendray, Ross Imrie, Bruce McLarty, Floyd Mailhot, Malcolm Brailsford, Dick Reynolds.

Regrets: Tim Chad

Liaisons: Chad Rintoul, Sidney. Heather Gartshore , North Saanich. Sheila Stelck, SD63.

Executive Director: Brad Edgett

1. Meeting Called to Order
 - a. Sheilah called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. The agenda was circulated.
 - b. Bruce motioned to approve the Agenda, Malcolm seconded, agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the June Minutes
 - a. June minutes will be approved at the October meeting.
4. Report from North Saanich
 - a. OCP Review; process underway with Modus
 - b. Tree Bylaw Review; public input welcome on the project and engagement plan until October 5th
 - c. Outdoor Burning; an update to the burning bylaw is underway; public input is encouraged prior to November 16th
 - d. Blue Heron Park artificial turf fields: North Saanich is submitting an application for grant funding and committing to a potential \$647,500 in funding – we are assuming that \$325,000 will be provided from the PFC's Field Improvement Fund and the remaining \$322,500 would be shared with the Town of Sidney and the District of Central Saanich.

5. Report from Sidney

- a. COVID Recovery Task Force is looking at the colder weather coming and how it will affect outdoor patio seating and line up areas. The town is working with local business on a strategy for the winter months.
- b. Its crucial to support local this holiday season for many shops it will be make it or break it for them.
- c. Cannabis store front on Beacon has been approved by council. A consultation was held after the first application was denied and the vast majority of the feedback was in favour of the applicant.

6. SD63 Report

- a. Schools will participate in Orange Shirt Day on September 31.
- b. Focus on the new school year was health and safety regulations. Students were able to choose from four learning models; in class, remote, SIDES or homeschooling. Places are held for any students who want to return to in class learning.
- c. Boundary review for south zone will take place October 11 because some of the schools are running at maximum occupancy.

7. Chairs Report

- a. AGM will be held on December 8 at 7:00pm
- b. Malcolm reported on the Remembrance Day plans. Parade from the fire hall thru the parking lot to the Bodine Hall. Only 50 veterans and dignitaries will participate and be invited to the ceremony. Ceremony will be live streamed online. We are working with the Peninsula News Review on the live streaming and promotion. Our wreaths will be pre-laid at the cenotaph. We will have a more finalized plan to report at the October meeting.
- c. Membership Drive we still need to make a priority. Postering has been done in Sidney and the merchants were very positive.

8. Treasurers Report

- a. Over the last year we have had volatile markets. Our managed portfolio compared to the stock market at the worst fell 8% and we are now up about 3% over all good performance in both MPS and Foundation portfolios.
- b. The portion we did not move (\$51,000) is made up of Scotia and preferred shares we are getting a good return on them which is still down 15%, however the greatest portion is Scotia McLeod shares dividend deals at 6.5%. Preferred shares adjust every couple of years these dividends are good and will last for a number of years; I don't think we should be moving at this time.

9. Report from Executive Director:

- a. With the work we did this summer we went from deficit from \$4400 to \$1800, thanks to the concert series and the wage subsidy. We were the only theatre in the country doing shows. Our August theatre revenue was \$28,656. Looking forward we are trending in a surplus instead of a deficit if we can continue our concert series and bring back some rentals.

Malcolm motioned to approve the August financials, seconded by Linda. Motion passed.

- b. Throughout the summer we continued building maintenance painting the building exterior.
We received a donation from a North Saanich resident of tents and benches.
- c. Brad continues to meet with Lizanne Chicanot principle of Parkland School. We are in the process of writing a grant application for the track replacement, and SD63 already has \$300,000 for drainage.

Ross motioned the approval for Brad to move forward with the grant process to fund the replacement of the track at Parkland School, seconded by Malcolm. Motioned passed.

- d. Peninsula Soccer Association and the District of North Saanich is writing a grant application for turf fields at Blue Heron Park. The grant will not move forward without a signed lease between PSA and MPS. PSA has had the lease for 18 months to review, discuss changes and sign. On September 27 Brad met with PSA to discuss the lease, changes were made to the Environmental Clause. As of September 29 the lease was not signed. The grant North Saanich was submitting was due before October 1.

Ross moved that MPS Board send a letter of support supporting the turf fields on Blue Heron Park to the grant applicant the municipality of North Saanich contingent on the Peninsula Soccer Association signing the lease with MPS, seconded by Jane. Motioned passed.

- e. We are hosting a Halloween drive in movie with the Sidney BIA. It will be a free event with any donation going to the Foundation and food bank.

More concert announcements will be happening into January. We have received written notes and emails thanking us for how well the concerts are organized and how safe our patrons feel. Philip has written the rule book on hosting safe concerts during COVID, other theatres are now using our format to reopen.

We are looking towards Christmas to alter some of our usual events to make them safe, including some virtual events.

Malcolm thanked Brad for his leadership during this time. Brad has reinvented the business model of the Mary Winspear Centre to keep everyone working and events happening. He should be commended for his efforts.

Next Meeting Date: Our next meeting will be held on October Tuesday, October 27 at 4:00pm.

Adjournment at 5:16 pm.