

MALCOLM ISLAND ADVISORY COMMISSION (MIAC)

Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2019

Old Medical Building, 270 1st Street, Sointula, BC

PRESENT: Sandra Daniels, RDMW Electoral "A" Director
Carmen Burrows, Sheila Roote, Joy Davidson, Dennis Swanson, Michelle Pottage, Guy Carlson, Roger Lanqvist

ABSENT: Chris Chateauvert,
Patrick Donaghy - Manager of Operations
Jeff Long - Manager of Planning & Development Services

PUBLIC: Pam & Tony Mantle, Hans Madsen, Robin Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carmen Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

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Motion 1:
Agenda
approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Agenda for the June 24, 2019 MIAC meeting.

Motion that the June 24, 2019 MIAC agenda be approved (with the following amendment(s))

- Old Business #1. Addition of fire concerns at Transfer station
- Old Business #5. Addition Funding Sewer Feasibility study for Rough Bay
- New Business # 2. Hans Madsen requested to report on recent BC Ferries Advisory meeting and line up concerns.

MSC

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Motion 2:
Minutes
approved

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF May 27, 2019 MEETING - MSC

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Transfer station:
 - a. canvassing patrons to determine if increasing access is viable?
 - i. MIAC discussed a number of questions and concerns: how to determine if there is a need to increase access; load size; volume being delivered; what is considered to be 'commercial' yard waste.
 - ii. MIAC members will prepare a list of questions and concerns to be forwarded to Patrick Donaghy for his comments to determine if this needs further discussion at future meetings.

- iii. Fire safety: Director Sandy Daniels reported approaching someone taking photos at the transfer station and enquiring why. He pointed out a number of fire hazards, concerns. Director Daniels took note and communicated this information and her concerns with Patrick Donaghy and MWRD staff. There is now a plan in place to:
 - 1. Bring chipper in to chip and remove yard waste
 - 2. Remove trees and vegetation from behind the yard and building materials waste pile creating a fire break
 - 3. Erect a concrete block containment wall(s)
 - 4. Ensure Transfer staff receive proper training in the event of a fire.
- 2. Zoning: discussion of draft outline of specific zoning wording and changes proposed.
 - a. MIAC determined further discussion is required prior to making any proposals
- 3. Contact the Malcolm Island Economic Development Committee to see if their study produced any useful information on housing.
 - a. Hans Madsen (public) shared he had been part of the committee and housing had not been part of the study
 - b. Director Daniels also directed any interested persons to the MWRD website as this study and report findings are posted there.
- 4. Rough Bay Sewer extension study: Patrick Donaghy had requested Carmen to share that LIDAR mapping would be useful as part of this study. Unfortunately, with Patrick being absent, there was not enough information available to properly discuss. A request was sent to him requesting more information regarding: better description about what type of mapping this is; the purpose of LIDAR mapping, who will be conducting it; will there be a cost in obtaining the map data; when data become available; how and when would it be used?
- 5. Funding for Rough Bay Sewer Extension study: cost of study and funding source. Possible funding amount: \$15,000.00 (\$10,000.00 grant plus \$5,000.00 from operating budget) MIAC members decided to postpone discussion of this topic until more information and details can be provided by MWRD staff. Topic may be considered for discussion at a community meeting in the fall?

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Knotweed: Should there be a town meeting with Jillian MacDonald from Strategic to address concerns, answer questions and provide information. Is it reasonable to leave knotweed eradication in hands of a local group? The following points were shared and discussed at length:
 - There have been some community members expressing concerns of the use of Glyphosate in the community and wanting to explore other methods of Knotweed control/eradication. A community meeting for local citizens with trained professionals may be a useful in determining how to proceed with handling Knotweed on the island.
 - Director Daniels shared the MWRD would be sending a professional from outside RDMW to provide training to local members of the community garden to identify invasive species including knotweed and how to handle it.

- MIAC members expressed concerns about using local community members with limited training versus recognized professionals like Jillian MacDonald, RPF Integrated Environmental Management North Island, referring to her email titled “Knotweed Management Information” provided to the MIAC by Patrick Donaghy
 - “As per the integrated pest management regulations, we only use herbicide as a last resort, with all other invasive plants we conduct mechanical treatment. As knotweed responds to mechanical treatment by spreading runners underground, increasing its size and spread more rapidly, we have to use glyphosate to manage the species.”
 - Details regarding application methods, timing, specific ingredients, mixture ratios, toxicity levels for oral and dermal exposure, signage to public were also provided in Jillian’s message
 - MIAC members expressed concerns about timing as we are into growing season and it is understood that eradication measures are most effective if done before the plants sets seeds (late summer)
 - Director Daniels shared she has also contacted Carol Jensen at the University of British Columbia Science Department for further information on Knotweed impact/control/eradication.
 - Number of Knotweed locations was discussed, it has been understood there is one patch, Director Daniels commented there have been four identified by a local citizen but did not have the location details.
 - Joy Davidson has expressed her dislike of the use of chemicals but if other methods actually worked that’s what the professionals and established eradication programs would be using. Joy would like it recorded in the minutes of the meeting that she is very disappointed the unanimous MIAC motion passed on April 29, 2019 *“that the eradication of the small, isolated patch of knotweed on 1st Street should proceed before there is the opportunity to spread”* was not acted upon.
2. Hans Madsen: report on recent BC Ferries Advisory meeting and line up concerns.
- I. Reported there have been issues with people pre parking their vehicles in the lineup for the 7:55 AM ferry the day before which sometimes results people missing an evening sailing as they have parked at the end of this line up not knowing most cars will not be loading on the ferry and realize the problem too late missing the ferry. Ferry crew are unable to determine which cars are lined to board an evening ferry and which ones are lined up for the morning ferry.
 - II. It was mentioned that some people are pre parking their cars for the 7:55 AM ferry as early as 4:30 PM immediately after disembarking the 4:05 PM sailing from Port McNeill
 - III. BC Ferries in encouraging the Malcolm Island community to develop a system which resolves this issue, they may be willing to create signage with instructions.
 - IV. One solution currently being discussed: all 7:55 AM sailing vehicles must line up along 1st Street east of 18th Avenue, any cars west of 18th will not be loaded on the 7:55 AM ferry. This would allow a

space along 1st Street between 17th & 18th Avenue for vehicles to line up for evening sailings. Meetings and discussions will be ongoing

- V. Comments and observations by both MIAC members and Robin Smith that the ferry line 'rules' must be simple and easy to understand/comprehend. Robin shared that foreign visitors are often not fluent in speaking or reading English and often find the current 'rules' difficult to understand.
- VI. The ferry has been experiencing frequent overloads and extra time required by deckhands to squeeze as many cars often leads to the ferry running late. Hans observed that a recent medical emergency requiring the early morning ferry be rerouted directly to Sointula from Alert Bay created a situation where several additional vehicles were loaded along with the ambulance as the drivers took advantage of this "early" sailing, alleviating that mornings overload. Ferry personnel commented that despite the ferry reroute it was running almost on schedule (5 minutes late) by early afternoon as the deckhands were not dealing with overloads and were able to quickly and efficiently load cars. He is hoping this information will be supportive of a revised ferry schedule when the new ferry arrives next year.
- VII. The Bowen Queen is scheduled to arrive June 25th.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DIRECTORS REPORT: None

QUESTIONS FROM FLOOR: None

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING: Monday July 22, 2019 at 7:15 pm

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Motion 3:
Adjourn
meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN meeting at 9:05 PM - *MSC*