

MALCOLM ISLAND ADVISORY COMMISSION (MIAC)

Meeting Minutes

November 4, 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

STAFF: Patrick Donaghy - Manager of Operations
Rose Liu, Treasurer

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

PUBLIC: Elicia Harris & Annie Cassidy of Sointula Resource Centre

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carmen Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

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2019/11/04
Motion 1:
Agenda
approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Agenda for the November 4, 2019 MIAC meeting.

Motion that the November 4, 2019 MIAC agenda be approved with the following addition

- Patrick – overview of operations

M, S, Carried

MIAC
2019/11/04
Motion 2
Minutes
approved

ADOPTION OF September 30, 2019 MINUTES

Motion the September 30, 2019 MIAC minutes be approved.

M, S, Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget situation for first three quarters of fiscal 2019: Patrick & Rose

- *Garbage*
 - o Expenses are higher than budgeted in part due to increased use of transfer station and need to increase staffing to handle higher use
 - o Summer was busy
 - o Medical Benefits are higher than expected due in part to changes with MSP funding structure
 - o Will likely require a rate increase for 2020
- *Fire Department*
 - o Expenses are higher than budgeted, due to,
 - o Increased numbers of volunteer fire fighters due to successful recruitment

- Sointula now has a 'healthy number' of fire fighters
- Increase has resulted in higher training expenses, equipment and gear costs
- Replacing older turn out gear (approx. \$2,700.00 per set)
- Servicing vehicles
- Improved training
- Will likely see a 5% increase in 2020 budget
- *Street lights*
 - Currently on, or close to budget
- *Sewer*
 - Currently on or close to budget
 - Operating well and efficiently. All communities on Northern Vancouver Island have the same system. Allows for similar components, shared operating knowledge and systems

2020 Budget

- Will be based on 2019 expenses, draft budget should be prepared by January, early February once all expenses are recorded

Operations report - Patrick

- *Grinder update for wood, yard and garden waste*
 - Private contractor required to provide grinding services, all contractors are very busy and it is proving very difficult to schedule a contractor to travel to the north island to provide this service
 - Post grinding product is used at 7 Mile for composting, current supplies are getting low and RDMW may need to start trucking in supplies if a private contractor cannot be scheduled soon.
- *Invasive Species Program*
 - RDMW has just finished its 5 year funding program and currently looking into new funding models
 - Sointula funding may be included under sewer or waste budget line item for 2020

MIAC Minutes on RDMW Website

- Jeff Long will be posting to website shortly

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

DIRECTORS REPORT:

- Sandra shared some printed material she picked up at the recent Union of BC Municipalities conference
- Also commented she has been communicating with First Nations about the Reservation #8 parcel of land close to Pulteney Pt. regarding non timber forest products

PUBLIC:

- Elicia & Annie of Sointula Resource Centre are exploring options for increased funding of SRC and interested in investigating any potential options available through the RDMW

CORRESPONDENCE: None

QUESTIONS FROM FLOOR: None

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS:

- Dennis, Carmen & Sheila shared a brief recap of the recent BC Ferries Advisory meeting
 - o The meeting was interesting with a lot of information especially regarding the new ferry scheduled to arrive in spring 2020. Possible schedule changes were discussed, but no changes appear to be planned at this date.

NEXT MEETING: Monday November 25, 2019 at 7:15 pm

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Motion 3:
Adjourn
meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN meeting at 9:17 PM
M/ S/ Carried