

MALCOLM ISLAND ADVISORY COMMISSION (MIAC)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 24th, 2020C.E.

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

PRESENT: Sandra Daniels, RDMW Electoral "A" Director
Carmen Burrows, Roger Lanqvist, Joy Davidson, Dennis Swanson,
Chris Chateauvert, Guy Carlson.

STAFF: Patrick Donaghy - Manager of Operations

ABSENT: Michelle Pottage.
Jeff Long - Manager of Planning & Development Services

PUBLIC: Jillian McDonald – Strategic Natural Resource Consultants.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carmen Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:14p.m. (19:14)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda for the February 24th, 2020 MIAC meeting.

Motion that the February 24th, 2020 MIAC agenda be approved with the following additions/changes:

- Operations Report – Patrick Donaghy - Manager of Operations.
- Jillian MacDonald – S.N.R.C. RE: Knotweed.

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ADOPTION OF: Monday, January 27th, 2020 MINUTES

(Note from Secretary: Minutes from January 27th, 2020, are still in draft format, awaiting on updates from Patrick. Updates received from Carmen and a new draft will be revised and sent out later tonight, this 27th day of January, 2020C.E.)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Operations Report – Patrick Donaghy - Manager of Operations.
 - o Garbage Fees went up to \$91.00CAD. A \$7.50CAD increase over a seven year period.
 - o Recycling Fee \$75.60CAD .
 - o Commercial \$195.00CAD to \$205.00CAD
 - o Drop off fee \$52.50CAD bring up to \$55.00CAD.

- Tipping fee to cover off bin removal. Need 25% increase to break even. Right now, is at \$2.00CAD / bag. Can raise to \$2.50CAD or \$3.00CAD / bag. At \$3.00CAD / bag, this fee could be kept sustainable for quite awhile at this level without constantly adjusting it.
- \$20.00CAD / pickup truck load, increase to \$25.00CAD min, up to \$30.00CAD preferably / pickup load.
- Furniture \$10.00CAD increase to \$15.00CAD
- Bylaw No .812 & Bylaw No .939 amendment details on printed pages handed out.

Motion The Malcolm Island Advisory Commission support the increase of fees to the Solid Waste Management Plan as follows: \$3.00CAD / bag and to remain constant unchangeable rate. \$30.00CAD / pickup load. Bulky Waste such as mattresses/furniture \$15.00CAD each. \$75.50CAD Annual Solid Waste Services fee. Commercial Waste \$205.00.

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2. Jillian McDonald – S.N.R.C. RE: Knotweed.. (19:32)
- Jillian introduction.
 - Knotweed has become invasive on the North Island.
 - Mechanical treatment whenever they can. Mechanical treatment makes it worse. If you cut it, its defense mechanism makes it grow runners underground.
 - S.N.R.C. uses Glyphosate by backpack sprayer with wands to directly spray on plants.
 - They cut the flowers off so it doesn't attract bees, to pollinate.
 - Another method is stem injection.
 - Ribbon off site with signage. Sprayed chemical contains a blue dye, showing where it has been sprayed.
 - Weather conditions apply to treatment methods.
 - 10m x 10m is considered a small patch.
 - Better results through stem injection than backpack spraying.
 - Two passes in a year starting in early Spring then again in the Fall.
 - Left untreated, it can spread faster. The closer it is to water sources the more prolific the growth.
 - In practice, Glyphosate must stay 1m above high water mark.
 - The plant is left in the ground after treatment.
 - Cannot spray in winds higher than 8KM/HR. Minimal drift of chemical spray onto adjacent plants.
 - Blue dye in herbicide to see what has been sprayed. Glyphosate breaks down within a couple months.
 - Stem injection is preferred method.
 - Glyphosate is banned in most locations due to its "carcinogenic" properties. However, studies have shown it not to be carcinogenic. This does not mean it is not toxic.
 - Every time there is a patch treated it goes into a provincial database to monitor the progression/treatments and dates associated.
 - Must have a signed consent form to treat on private property. Will not be charged to private land owners.
 - 5 to 10 year monitoring after treatment to make sure it is gone.
 - Knotweed goes up to 1m underground.

- May need an alternate method of treatment on the First Street patch, due to its proximity to the ditch.
- The tarping method is ineffective. Nor is burning, due to the roots being deep.
- Public Info Meeting is pending and up to the community/MIAC to decide when it will be held.
- One local misconception among those concerned with the use of Glyphosate is that the R.D.M.W. is going to spray the island via helicopter, this is false. It is localized and mostly on private land and up to the property owner's discretion to allow for the treatment. The property owner has given permission to treat it.
- Possible upcoming meeting in March/April prior to treatment. Possible mailouts with information.
- Goal is to go operational with treatment in late April.
- Agenda on next MIAC meeting to set date for town meeting in April. Jillian prefers it to be on the 15th of April with up to 2 weeks notice. MIAC agrees to make the meeting on Wednesday the 15th of April, 2020C.E. No motion required.

*****HIATUS***** (20:28)

- Patrick and Jillian left the meeting.

Old Business

- B.C. Ferries Updates, Carmen Burrows. (20:29)

- B.C. Ferries did not want to commit to an early run until they see how well the new ferry runs in its trials and on its route.
- New ferry is due to come in June.
- Claire Trevena, N.D.P. MLA, is coming in March to Sointula
- Approach board of directors at B.C. Ferries by Claire Trevena.
- Asking for a 'dogleg run' that will burn an extra 10 minutes of fuel.
- Alert Bay is concerned with having to get into the lineup an extra 10 minutes earlier.
- Early run would arrive in Sointula approximately 6:40a.m.
- Another discussed possibility could be to have the ferry dock overnight in Sointula or Port McNeill.
- Sointula people could be open to let go of an afternoon ferry run to accommodate Alert Bay's potlucks or other events in exchange for an early run, out of good faith.
- Captain Al De Koninck, Marine Superintendent, North Islands B.C.Ferries is "onboard" with our early ferry run.
- Sointula public is facing poverty problems due to not being able to access employment opportunities off island.
- M.I.A.C. possibility to send a formal letter to the Ministers of government to take action to have an early ferry run. Mention the poverty and problems effecting the people of Sointula as a result of not having an early run.
- Dennis Swanson will write up a draft letter.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DIRECTORS REPORT: None

PUBLIC: No Public Delegations

QUESTIONS FROM FLOOR: None

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 23rd, 2020C.E. at 7:15p.m. (19:15)

ADJOURNMENT: at 8:52p.m. (20:52)

Motion Called to adjournment by Chair: Carmen Burrows

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