

**MALCOLM ISLAND ADVISORY COMMISSION (M.I.A.C.)**

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020C.E.

Via: Online, ZOOM meeting, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

STAFF: Patrick Donaghy - Manager of Operations.

ABSENT: Jeff Long - Manager of Planning & Development Services  
Chris Chateauvert, Michelle Pottage, Dennis Swanson.

PUBLIC: No Public Delegations.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Carmen Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. (19:05)  
via online ZOOM meeting.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Knotweed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda for the Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 MIAC meeting.

**Motion** that the Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 MIAC agenda be approved with the following additions:

Knotweed.

*Move/Seconded/CARRIED*

**ADOPTION OF: Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 MINUTES**

**Motion** the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 MIAC Minutes be approved.

*Move/Seconded/CARRIED*

**PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** (19:07)

1. Fox garbage collection contract for Malcolm Island. (19:07)
  - Fox contract goes to end of 2020C.E.
  - Contract remain the same going forward with an increase of 2% over the course of contract.
  - 5 year contract.

**Motion** That M.I.A.C. support the renewal of the Fox disposal contract as is, for another 5 years with addition of C.O.L.A. (Cost Of Living Allowance.), clause.

*Move/Seconded/CARRIED*

2. LED Streetlight conversion. (19:12)
  - Asking community to make a decision on what coloured street lights to have as a default.
  - For the first 3 years there will be an additional cost and fee to cover the additional \$800 over the course of three years.
  - Sointula currently has 46 - 100Watt street lights. 7 - 150Watt street light.
  - If the intensity of lights goes down, there could be a savings of money.

\*\*\*\* HIATUS\*\*\*\* Sandra Daniels enters meeting (19:17)

- How would we determine the best option for light intensity throughout town?
- All street lights are identified on a map with the varying intensities of light provided by R.D.M.W.
- Ask around town for changes in intensity of lights throughout town and where the community would like to see them.
- How do we go about engaging the community on intensity of street lights or colour of the new LED street lights?
- 61 lights total currently exist in town.
- Have there been any complaints around town about street lights?
- Possible Community meeting via Zoom and also bring up Knot weed at the same time.
- Exploring the colour options and intensity provided by B.C. Hydro.
- What is the right ambient lighting for Sointula?
- Area of concern being: Light pollution.
- Question put forward to try a sample light in town for awhile to test it out, is not feasible.
- Engage community regarding a possible tax increase for streetlights.
- Community Zoom presentation to get feedback regarding new LED streetlights and Knotweed.
- Zoom session could be recorded to be viewed by the public later or to have two live sessions.
- B.C. Hydro is asking for input by next week for a default colour for the LED streetlights. R.D.M.W. recommended the 3,000 Kelvin streetlight temperature to remain similar to what is already in Sointula.
- Focus is on replacing streetlights not including additional streetlights.

- Can lobby B.C. Hydro to place an additional streetlight upon additional costs.
- Possible motion lights so that they are not on all night long. At this time, this is not an option B.C. Hydro is presenting.
- Asking for B.C. Hydro to provide better graphical representation of the lighting examples.
- A good visual on the website of the LED Streetlights as opposed to a Zoom meeting with the community. Due to the complications of the streaming of the Zoom meetings online. Then get feedback from the community.
- Wattage and colour will be the contentious points in the deciding factor.
- The current colour is not available in LED and LED is brighter, need examples of lower wattage LEDs from B.C. Hydro to decide which lighting will have less glare.

**Motion** That M.I.A.C. support the default lighting to be a 3,000 Kelvin LED for Sointula Streetlights.

*Move/Seconded/CARRIED*

**Motion** Staff to establish and initiate an online, digital public engagement process to obtain public input regarding the streetlights and other community interests including: Knotweed. With printable, mailable options available.

*Move/Seconded/CARRIED*

3. Interim Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. (20:01)
  - Presentation of Solid Waste Management Plan.
  - R.D.M.W. asking M.I.A.C. to draft a letter of support.
  - Solid Waste Management Plan is for the entire R.D.M.W. Region and is required to be reviewed and/or “tweaked” every 5 years.
  - We are now in Phase 3 in the Solid Waste Management Plan. Which is to get community and stakeholder feedback and finalize a plan to Ministry of Environment for approval.
  - Reduce amount of food waste disposed.
  - In solid waste the biggest issue is greenhouse gases and landfills are a big source of methane.
  - Possible home composters at a reduced rate to sell to the community to encourage home gardening.
  - Possible neighbourhood composting programs.
  - Possible business venture juicing of organic out of date products.
  - Offer a tour of the landfill to those interested on M.I.A.C.
  - Top priority is to confirm the long-term plan for Seven Mile Pit.
  - Adopt and build public awareness of a ‘Reduction and Reuse Strategy’.
  - B.C. has the best residential recycling in North America.
  - Minimize materials going to landfill.
  - Obtain approval from the Province to acquire the land adjacent to the current landfill.
  - Undertake a landfill conformance review

- Upon receiving approval to expand the landfill from MOTI, R.D.M.W. will develop an updated D.O.C.P.
- Establish a budget to support mitigation of illegal dumping sites.
- Maximize the application of user pay for waste management services. Balanced by the funding through property taxes.
- Establishment of a Plan Monitoring Committee with a possible seat available for a resident on Malcolm Island or M.I.A.C.
- 3-6% per year increase in expenditures.
- Immediate cost to taxpayers is approx. 3-4%
- ECO Ambassador or program to engage community.
- Monitoring committee to get started in Oct or Nov 2020C.E.

**Motion** That M.I.A.C. provide a letter of support for the Solid Waste Management Plan.

*Move/Seconded/CARRIED*

4. Discuss tax cap on fire protection service. (20:18)
  - The Sointula Volunteer Fire Dept Fire Truck has an expected life capacity of 25 years.
  - Need to get more funds to the Sointula Volunteer Fire Dept.
  - Need to be up to \$60,000.00CAD over a three to four year period. But increase over the years based off of a C.O.L.A. (Cost Of Living Allowance.)
  - May require a referendum or counter petition regarding the purchase of a new truck.
  - Need to be proactive in regards to saving and Sointula Volunteer Fire Dept needs more funding.
  - Need an operation budget of \$40,000.00CAD plus a savings plan of \$20,000.00CAD to afford a new truck which will be required in the next few years.
  - Ramp up over a three to four year period and to adjust the tax cap to reflect the need to save for the new truck.
  - Consultation with the community regarding the gradual ramping up taxes.

**OLD BUSINESS (20:35)**

1. Knot weed, (20:35)
  - At time of the public engagement this will be addressed.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Nil

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** (20:36)

Sandra Daniels, RDMW Electoral "A" Director

- Sandra's computer died so no report.

**OPERATIONS REPORT:** (20:31)

Patrick Donaghy - Manager of Operations

- 25 lock blocks for back wall of the recycle centre for barrier between organics and forest area.
- Cost savings to local service.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. divisions on property for sewer and water and road improvements may soon come into compliance.

**PLANNING REPORT:** Nil

**PUBLIC:** No Public Delegations

**QUESTIONS FROM FLOOR:** (20:39)

- When will the housing report and survey going to get a response back?
- No timelines so far.
- M.I.A.C. to request updates from Jeff Long via e-mail.

**ROUND TABLE COMMENTS:**

- No comments

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020C.E. at 7:15p.m. (19:15).

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting.

*Move/Seconded/CARRIED.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** meeting at 9:41p.m. (20:41)

Called to adjournment by Chair: Carmen Burrows.