

**MALCOLM ISLAND ADVISORY COMMISSION (MIAC)**

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 22<sup>nd</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, Michelle Pottage, Dennis Swanson.
- STAFF:** Jeff Long - Manager of Planning & Development Services
- ABSENT:** Patrick Donaghy - Manager of Operations  
Chris Chateauvert.
- PUBLIC:** No Public Delegations.
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Carmen Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:17p.m. (19:17)  
via online ZOOM meeting.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda for the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 MIAC meeting.

**Motion** that the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 MIAC agenda be approved with the following  
additions: None.

*Move/Seconded/CARRIED*

**ADOPTION OF: Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 MINUTES**

**Motion** the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 MIAC Minutes be approved.

*Move/Seconded/CARRIED*

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

1. Move M.I.A.C. meeting to the third Monday of the month. (19:20)
  - Reason for current schedule was due to availability of the Hall.
  - Keep schedule at current schedule for last Monday of Month.
  - Flexibility in schedule to be open to have it open to other days of the month as needed.
  - All our meetings are generally open to the public including zoom meetings so there will be a need to advertise future meetings to be accessible to the public if they are to continue to be conducted via zoom.
  - If we are to have a July meeting, we should post the date and how to access the meeting for public. If there is no meeting necessary in July, we just won't have one.
  
2. Cats, Sandra Daniels, RDMW Electoral "A" Director. (19:27)
  - Requesting a letter from M.I.A.C. to support for a centre on the North Island to spay and neuter feral cats.
  - Do we want to write a letter? Or do we need to adopt a resolution to support this action?

**Motion** That M.I.A.C. support a facility and apply for grants, to bring training vets to the North Island to help us deal with spay and neutering feral cats.

*Move/Seconded/CARRIED*

**Old Business** (19:34)

1. Knot weed, Carmen Burrows (19:34)
  - No mention from R.D.W.W. in the reports. Jeff will ask Patrick for clarification.
  - No further discussion at this time. Awaiting word from Patrick.
  
3. Letters to B.C. Ferries updates, Carmen Burrows. (19:36)
  - Four letters were written. One each the following recipients: Claire Trevena Minister of Transport, Mark Collins B.C. Ferries President & C.E.O., Michelle Mungall Minister of Economic Development & Competitiveness, and Shane Simpson Minister of Social Development & Poverty Reduction.
  - Received two responses, one from Claire Trevena and one from Mark Collin's Assistant Manager by Mark's request.
  - Claire Trevena says it is up to B.C. Ferries to decide their scheduling.
  - The new ferry is here. There is nothing more to add in regard to the letter exchange.

**Motion** to receive letters from Mark Collin's Assistant Manager and Claire Trevena Minister of Transport

*Move/Seconded/CARRIED.*

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

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** B.C. Ferries letters.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** (19:39)

Sandra Daniels, RDMW Electoral "A" Director

- Praise to all volunteers who have held the island together during COVID-19.
- Sinkhole in Alert Bay.
- Port Hardy was deemed a fair community state
- 3% of people who visit Bere Point are from Alberta, 97% are from B.C.
- Go to the R.D.M.W. website to check out the housing information.
- Port Alice is hosting free security training.

**OPERATIONS REPORT:** (19:42)

Jeff Long - Manager of Planning & Development Services

- Patrick writes that the installation of the tesla panels at the Fire Hall have been put in and will provide sufficient power during a power outage.
- Composters will be provided to the Sointula Community Garden
- Work will start on upgrades to Waste Water Plant.
- Improvements are paid for by the gas tax funding.
- No news of converting street lights to LED.
- The R.D.M.W. updates to the solid waste management plan can be seen on the R.D.M.W. plan and any questions regarding this can be directed to Patrick.
- Link to the housing needs on the North Island can be accessed on the R.D.M.W. website. Currently in the process of collecting questionnaires that were distributed via mail and the questionnaires can be filled in online.

**OPERATIONS REPORT:** (19:XX)

Jeff Long - Manager of Planning & Development Services

- Hired a Planning and Operations assistant. Brandon Kreager.
- LiDAR mapping of the North Island data will be made available to the Regional District. This data may not be available to provide to the public due to Provincial data agreement requirements.
- Crown Land Tenures have declined because of provincial staff working from home.
- Two new subdivisions – one in Hyde Creek and another on nearby Springhill Road in Electoral Area 'D'.
- Permit applications are at an extreme low with only 3 site permits applications having been received thus far in 2020 for the three site permit areas of Hyde Creek, Malcolm Island and Woss. There have been 14 per year on average for the last three years.
- Bylaw enforcement complaints have increased probably as a result of more people staying home during the pandemic.

**PUBLIC:** No Public Delegations

**QUESTIONS FROM FLOOR:** (20:00)

- What is the percentage of mail-ins of questionnaires vs online?
- Jeff Long advise that the data associated with the questionnaires has yet to be tabulated by the consultants and should be available sometime in July after the questionnaire submission deadline.

**ROUND TABLE COMMENTS:** (20:02)

*\*\*\*Michelle took over as Vice chair due to Carmen's cam feed kept on cutting out. (20:03)*

- No comments

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020C.E. at 7:15p.m. (19:15) if required.

**ADJOURNMENT:** meeting at 9:04p.m. (20:04)

Called to adjournment by Vice Chair: Michelle Pottage