

Malcolm Island Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

February 22, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE:

Joy Davidson, Eric Hutchingame
Michelle Pottage, Conner Siider,
Dennis Swanson
Sandra Daniels - RDMW Electoral Area 'A' Director

Patrick Donaghy – RDMW Manager of Operations

ABSENT:

Wanda Laughlin, Roger Lanqvist

A. Call to Order by The Acting Chair Michelle Pottage– 7:02 p.m.

B. Approval of Agenda - MSC.

C. Adoption of Minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting – MSC

D. New Business : Mail out RE: Rooster Question

A mail out was decided upon to engage the community on the question of allowing roosters in the R3 zoning. Draft should be available soon and ready to have returned before the next scheduled meeting on March 24, 2021- MSC

E. Hydro

Lengthy discussion on the new lights being installed by Hydro. The current plan is for Hydro to install the 4 different wattage options, at different locations in the community and that will give members of the community an opportunity to see the differences and make recommendations as to their preference. This is scheduled to be done by the end of March. There will be a notice in the annual Regional District of Mount Waddington (RDMW) invoice mail out, indicating the location and wattage of each new light.

F. Budgets for Fire Department, Solid Waste, Sewer

1. **Fire Department** - There is a reserve in this budget, which will go to fund the purchase of a new fire truck. There are incremental tax increases planned for the coming years to reach the goal. A mail out in the annual invoices will outline the Fire Department tax increases starting in 2021.
2. **Solid Waste** – There is an increase of 5% on the residential fee for 2021. There is a 2% increase projected over the next 5 years.

3. **Sewer-** There is no increase for the sewer fees for 2021. There is a 2% increase projected over the next 5 years.

It was MSC to approve the Budget as presented. Final approval will be at the RDMW monthly meeting.

G. Recreation Association Budget Report

The President of the Rec gave the report on their annual budget. Like many organization, the fund raising for 2020 was almost non-existent. There were high maintenance costs this past year and a lot was accomplished, while staying within the budget they had. The President's note of the past year's activity and accomplishments should be out in the mail very soon.

Sandra Daniels, Area A Representative: reported no new Covid cases.

The yard waste disposal area at the recycle center has been dealt with.

Open Discussion

It was suggested to include Facebook to advertise issues or changes affecting the community. The Fire Department ad on Facebook was good.

Next Meeting: March 24, 2021

Motion to Adjourn: at 9:04 P.M.