

MALCOLM ISLAND ADVISORY COMMISSION (MIAC)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 29th, 2021 C.E.

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

PRESENT: Sandra Daniels, RDMW Electoral "A" Director
Wanda Laughlin, Michelle Pottage, Roger Lanqvist, Joy Davidson,
Dennis Swanson, Connor Siider, Eric Hutchingame.

STAFF: Patrick Donaghy - Manager of Operations

ABSENT: Jeff Long - Manager of Planning & Development Services

PUBLIC: No Public Delegations.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michelle Pottage called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. (19:00)
via online ZOOM meeting.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda for the March 29th, 2021 MIAC meeting.

Motion that the March 29th, 2021 MIAC agenda be approved with the following
additions: None.

WL/DS/CARRIED

ADOPTION OF: Monday, February 22nd, 2021 MINUTES

Motion the Mon, February 22nd, 2021 MIAC Minutes be approved.

DS/CS/CARRIED

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS: (19:03)

1. 5th Wheels and Tiny Homes. (19:03)
 - No Jeff, carried.
2. Mobile Home Park Zoning. (19:03)
 - No Jeff, carried.
3. Changing Zoning R1 to R2 (5 acres to 2.5 acres). (19:04)
 - No Jeff, carried
4. Garbage Bere Point. (19:04)
 - There are garbage cans present at Bere Point for Cans.
 - The garbage has no one who empties the cans.
 - Once a week when the campsite is active the garbage is removed.
 - MIAC to send an email of questions that we would like answered by the RDMW
 - No money in the budget to extend hours at recycle centre.
 - Do not want an unattended bin at an isolated location.
 - Have a possible garbage bin at the marina specifically for Bere Point.
 - Generally, bins are usually locked up else people will dump random garbage in bins.
 - Put in a bin at the marina that the RDMW pays for specifically for Bere Point garbage.
 - Signs for backroads to remind people not to dump in the logging roads.
 - Have a possible contract to have someone pick up garbage regularly from Bere Point.
 - Possibly talk to the Lion's Club regarding the garbage bins whether or not they are overflowing at the harbour in Summer months.
 - There is no need for campers taking garbage to the harbour.
 - Possibly more garbage cans in the upper campgrounds.
 - How many garbage cans equal a single bin?
 - There are currently 12 garbage cans on site.
 - Can a garbage vehicle get to Bere Point?
 - Biggest complaint from campers are the potholes in the roads to Bere Point.
 - Joy will reach out to Sue Hamilton to see what her thoughts are on garbage.
 - Joy will email a list of questions to Patrick.

Old Business (19:24)

1. Streetlights (19:24)

- Questionnaire for each local community regarding the street lights.
- Patrick shared an example of the Street Lights Questionnaire.
- Locations of each of the new LED streetlights are viewable on a map on the RDMW website.
- What streetlights with what wattages can be displayed on the map?
- Patrick will add the locations of the new street lights, including the wattages at specific locations on the website map by tomorrow.
- Off topic question RE: creation of COVID-19 vaccinations.
- People need to be directed to the right URL to address the town streetlighting locations.
- RDMW will post to facebook regarding the URL.
- Street address added to information RE: what lights are located where.
- Possible problem of being blinded by bright LED's in certain locations.
- The LED at the ambulance is too bright.

2. Rooster Bylaw. (19:41)

- No Jeff, carried.
- Can we vote on scraping the bylaw?
- Have a cock-house for roosters.
- Put thoughts out to community regarding the bylaw in RDMW newsletter.
- Bylaw needs to be adjusted for the cock-house rule.
- Sandra will contact Greg tomorrow to house a rooster.
- You can't just say to the public to put in a cock-house without changing the bylaw.
- There is a process regarding community discussion to change the bylaw.
- What is the history of this bylaw?.
- The town meeting was held in Port McNeill.
- Reach out to Heidi Saulteau
- Will be in the meeting of the minutes from 4 years ago.
- At the time the proposal went forward regarding a public meeting about an urban hen by-law.
- The by-law went through at a Regional District meeting four years ago.
- Gage public support regarding roosters.
- Sandra to ask RDMW to put in the newsletter that MIAC is considering changing the bylaw to allow for cock-houses for roosters.
- Sandra doesn't get rooster complaints, she gets complaints that there is a rooster bylaw.
- Section 4.12 Urban Hens Section D Page 14. 2017.
- Are complaints documented and do we have access to them?
- Complaints are confidential.
- *Ammendment* Main item of concern RE: Implementation of the Rooster bylaw were noise complaints.

3. Detached Secondary Dwellings. (20:05)

- No Jeff, carried.

- Jeff answered to group e-mail stating that detached secondary dwellings are permitted.
4. Back Road No Dumping Signage. (20:07)
- Patrick was working on it and did not get around to getting back to it.
 - Is there a budget for the signs.
 - What if the community made the signs and the RDMW pay for it?
 - People drive past transfer station to dump on the backroads.
 - The RDMW eliminated the garbage dump to stop illegal dumping.
 - Have volunteer clean-up crew and monitor who is doing it and 'rat them out' by informing the RDMW to involve the conservation officers to talk to the people dumping garbage on the logging roads.
 - The concern with yard waste being dumped on the logging roads are invasive species.
 - Educate the people that yard waste is free to dump and include the transfer station hours of operation posted publicly and reminded to the people. If people know it is free to dump yard waste there then more people will.
 - Off topic question: Are the transfer station staff are going to be vaccinated? The entire population of Sointula-Malcolm Island, will be vaccinated soon.
 - Educate people on invasive species.
 - Off topic question RE: Knotweed.
 - Possibly get something to happen soon though on account of COVID regulations no public community meetings can take place.
 - Most people who were involved with the knotweed have left Strategic recently.
 - If you mow over knotweed the plant can be transplanted easily.
 - Area should be ribboned off to state it is a no mow zone.
 - Should we put knotweed on next months agenda for further discussion?

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mail for MIAC will be General Delivery.

DIRECTORS REPORT: (20:25)

Sandra Daniels, RDMW Electoral "A" Director

- None

OPERATIONS REPORT: (20:25)

Patrick Donaghy - Manager of Operations

- Patrick shows draft details of newsletter going out.
- Discussion regarding a tax raise of \$0.90CAD/household to pay for firetruck.

- The plan is to come up with a sustainable plan for paying off a new truck and save up for the one to come after without having to borrow money.
- There has always been a firehall tax on Malcolm Island passed in 2003-2004C.E.
- The tax is just being brought up to \$0.90CAD not adding an additional \$0.90CAD onto our current taxes.
- May have to look at getting maintenance done to the outfall of the sewage treatment plant. Details to come to plan a budget for it.
- The contractors will be from off island due to the equipment used not available on island.

PLANNING REPORT: (20:42)

Jeff Long - Manager of Planning & Development Services

- Jeff is absent.

PUBLIC: No Public Delegations

QUESTIONS FROM FLOOR: (20:42)

- None

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS: (20:42)

- Wanda is getting into the swing of things again.
- Possible new secretary to be Linny Anderson.
- Joy and Roger will go back and fourth

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 26th, 2021C.E. at 7:00p.m. (19:00).

ADJOURNMENT: meeting at 9:44p.m. (20:44)

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44p.m. (20:44)

EH/??/CARRIED

Called to adjournment by Chair: Michelle Pottage.