

# Malcolm Island Advisory Commission

## Meeting Minutes

### Zoom Meeting

January 31, 2022

#### IN ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM:

Wanda Laughlin, Joy Davidson, Eric Hutchingame  
Michelle Pottage, Conner Siider  
Sandra Daniels - RDMW Electoral Area 'A' Director  
Greg Fletcher – RDMW Manager of Planning and Development Services  
Patrick Donaghy – RDMW Manager of Operations  
Welcome new commission members Hans Madsen and Jen Classen

#### ABSENT:

Dennis Swanson

- A. Call to Order by The Chair – 7:00 p.m.
- B. Approval of Agenda - MSC.
- C. Adoption of Minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting – MSC
- D. Public Delegation or Correspondence

Michelle Meisler and Patrick Mussell in attendance from the public. Michelle to speak to streetlights.

#### E. REPORTS:

- 1) Sandra Daniels, Area A Representative, reported on a tour around Sointula with Mainroad Contractor – proposed repainting of one sidewalk, introduction of another one, located between the Coop store and the Resource Centre. Plus some zebra signs at bad corners.
- 2) RDMW Planning Report – June Kwon, Planning Assistant. There were 2 Crown Tenure Applications made – both in Kingcome Inlet plus one for Orca Lodge for Renewal of Licence of Occupation and Facility update. Much discussion about road maintenance or lack thereof by MOT. June provided an overview of the maintenance classifications and what they mean in terms of level of maintenance. It was put forward to get the 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue subdivision signed off and continue to deal with MOT on maintenance issues.
- 3) RDMW Operations Report - Patrick Donaghy. Budgets are almost all finalized  
SEWER- some discussion about the utilization of solar panels (which the RDMW already has) as there are some grants available. A lift pump upgrade, insurance costs for operators with a 5% proposed increase. Final numbers at next meeting.  
FIRE PROTECTION: There will be capital costs for items this year such as hoses, trash pump, pumpkin pumps, and training. Increases will be mainly towards the new pumper truck that will be needed in the future.

STREETLIGHTS: Hydro gets paid by the street light and with LED lights, eventually the cost should go down. The current location of street lights was determined back in 1970 when the committee gathered community input to determine the locations.

**F. OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Budgets 2022 – We will be voting on final budgets next meeting.
- 2) Proposed Secondary Dwelling Bylaw Amendment Update – The new draft of this bylaw was discussed at length. (Section 4:12 Cottage Dwelling) Motion to the floor was “to remove (j) Variances related to lot coverage, setbacks, and building separation will not be permitted.” MSC. It was also MSC that zones AG1, R1, R2, and R3 have the maximum square footage moved up to 1000 square feet, as originally proposed. These 2 changes will be brought back as corrected.
- 3) Proposed Rooster Bylaw Text Amendment Update – Currently Section 4.11 states (c) “No roosters, cocks or cockerels are permitted”. Proposed that (c) be deleted and under Section 4.11 (a) “Up to 4 female chickens are permitted on a lot that is less than 891.84 square metres (9600 square feet) in area “ ADD THE FOLLOWING “plus 1 rooster”. To be brought back, as corrected, for next meeting

4) Street Lights:

Patrick Donaghy explained Hydro’s position on cowlients (collaring) and that is, they do not allow it. They will not install them nor allow a third party to install. There are a few private lights in Sointula not owned by Hydro. It was asked if that could be an option for problem areas.

Michelle Meisler expressed her concern of the very bright street light shining into her yard, home and bedroom at night. Asked what can be done now? This has been an issue for Michelle for a year now – only break was when the lineman turned it off for awhile. Michelle asked if the light could be moved down the street? Can the light be directed more downward to the street? Michelle asked for the numbers from the first survey and asked if a second survey would be possible. Patrick Donaghy will inquire about a lower arm. Hydro will not do either of these. Unfortunately, Hydro’s mandate was and is, to change all low sodium bulbs (in the province) to LED, so our only input was to choose the lowest wattage with the less bright light for most of Sointula. Patrick Mussell asked if we could have a referendum to eliminate the change. Unfortunately not, as it is solely a B.C.Hydro decision not a Regional decision. Patrick Donaghy pointed out that streetlights are for community safety. One of the new lights was given a thumbs up, as one community member was happy with the light in her area.

Greg Fletcher suggested writing to the Utilities Commission in a couple of years with copies to the RDMW, as that will carry weight. Also, send emails to Hydro (copy RDMW and Area A representative) about collars for the lights and to complain.

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Criteria for Road Front Subdivision
  - 2) Discussion Pan Handle Lots
- These 2 items are again put forward until the next meeting.

**H. QUESTIONS:** none

**I. ROUND TABLE :** Updating the OCP

**J. NEXT MEETING DATE:** February 28, 2022

**K. ADJOURNED:** MSC 10:05 p.m.