

**40 MILE PARK MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2008
TOWN OF BOW ISLAND OFFICE**

1. Larry Weatherhead called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Vern Beck, LeRon Torrie, Doug Hancock, Lorne Buis, Tom Thacker, Kim Dosman, Blair McNeely, Larry Weatherhead, Mike Janzer, Ron Hunt & Brenda Hallett

Larry introduced the new members; Kim Dosman, Lorne Buis, Ron Hunt and Doug Hancock.

2. Minutes – The minutes from the November 13, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

Business from the minutes

It was asked what the Committee has to do to get money out of the Foundation for projects. The Committee will have to present proposals to the Foundation including cost estimates. Once approval for a project has been given, then the funding will be transferred to the Park Committee. With the proposal and cost estimates in place the Foundation can apply for matching grants from the government.

Nothing has been done yet about purchasing a second hand truck for the park.

Jake has installed the pump on the septic tank, and he has started working on building a washroom for the remaining tank.

Steve Forbes has picked out a large rock at Laidlaw's to be put up in Area G in recognition of all the contributions made by Mike Melham. Laidlaw's are going to donate the rock to the Park, and will try to deliver it to the park the next time they are in the area. Engraving on the rock will cost between \$1000 and \$2000 and will be done at the park.

Every time someone applies to the County for a Development Permit, a Geotech report will be a requirement. It looks like the reports are going to be a very expensive proposition. Tom Thacker said he would look into the requirement.

Motion: Blair McNeely moved that we accept the minutes as presented.

Seconded: Mike Janzer seconded.

Carried.

3. Financial Report – Mike Janzer

Mike distributed the Financial Report as of November 20, 2008 and we reviewed it. He has transferred \$314,000 to the 40 Mile Park Foundation. We have received a MRTA Grant of \$8000 since the last meeting. One error to be corrected; \$9450 charged to Equipment should be moved to Trees.

There were some questions about the amount of Janitorial payments last month; Mike will look into it.

Some concern was expressed about the amount spent on phones each year. Lorne Buis offered to check into some different phone plans to see if we can save some money there.

Motion: Len Varjassy moved that the Financial Report be adopted as presented.

Seconded: Blair McNeely seconded the motion.

Carried.

4. Committee Reports

Len Varjassy – Operations

Twenty-five more trees have been moved to the park from the Spitz plant. We paid \$450 per tree to get them moved.

Len has ordered 200 Prairie Poplars for the new storage area and he would like to order another 200 – 300 for along the roadway. The trees will be 5 to 7 feet tall and they are very fast growing. The cost for the trees is \$11 each with a 25% discount for early order.

Motion: Len Varjassy moved that we order 300 more trees.

Seconded: Blair McNeely seconded.

Carried.

Len read out a list he had drawn up of jobs for Jake to do over the winter months.

Len is going to count all the fire pits on the Seasonal Rental lots. We will have to decide if we are going to build more and rent them out.

While we are installing the new water system, Len would like to put in a new intake pipe.

LeRon told Len to contact SMRID's engineers to get an idea of the best way to proceed. Once that is done, submit an application to Ron Renwick for approval.

Vern Beck – 40 Mile Park Foundation

Vern has invested the \$314,000 transferred from the Park Committee into Treasury Bills.

The Foundation has received an anonymous donation of \$40,000, which is dedicated to a particular project.

Vern had a printout of several grants that we could apply for.

Vern would like to use the 40 Mile Park letter head for correspondence. Lorne Buis said he would make up some letterhead for Vern.

The Foundation will not only apply for grants, they will also be responsible for filing the reports afterwards.

5. Report from SMRID – LeRon Torrie

LeRon congratulated Mike on the great job he has done, and he hopes that committee will keep up the good work.

He would like to remind the Committee that any long-term plans have to be kept within the terms of the head lease between SMRID and the County, and the lease between the park and the County.

LeRon inquired about a rumor he heard, that the Park leaseholders want to purchase their leases.

That will not be happening, he told us. We told him that we had looked into getting titled leases for security at banks. LeRon told us to make a proposal to SMRID.

6. Other Items for Discussion

Options for Replacing Mike Janzer - Bruce Vine has said he can probably handle Mike's position. Larry asked Mike to bring in a list of all the jobs that he does to the next meeting. If necessary, we can split up some of Mike duties with other committee members or hire someone to do some of them.

Park Manager – Bruce would like to go over the resumes and questionnaires as soon as possible, so a hiring Committee should be set up. Larry said he assumed the committee that put together the job description for the position would be the hiring committee.

Long Term Development Committee – A Committee was set up to go over the plans drawn up so far, consisting of Bruce Vine, Len Varjassy, Doug Hancock & Lorne Buis. They will try to meet as soon as possible. After the Committee decides which plans to go with, a consultant will be brought in.

Future Projects – we need to get pricing on the following projects before we start working on the budget:

Trees – We could get another 25 to 30 trees from the Spitz plant.

Sprinkler systems

Intake pipe for the water system

Playgrounds

Overhead door on the Pavilion

Cement pad at the Convenience Store

Fence enclosure

Potable Water system

Everyone is to bring in a wish list to the next meeting.

Meetings - We will have a lot of work to get done in the next few months; Larry suggested we have 2 meetings per month for the months of January, February and March. Possibly we could hold the meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Vern will check into the availability of the Town Office conference room. We will discuss at the next meeting, who will sit on each committee.

Emergency Services - Lorne Buis suggested we contact Doug Dent to see if Encana would be willing to donate a defibrillator to the park.

Tom Thacker informed us that 2 fire trucks in the County have been replaced. If the old trucks can be safetied, the County will probably give one of the trucks to the park. The decision on that will be made in the spring.

It was suggested that while the water system is being upgraded, that a bulk fill line be put in as well for fire fighting purposes.

Boat Ramp – Some people who back up to unload or load their boats at the boat ramp, take up both lanes, causing unnecessary line-ups. Suggestions were to put up signs or flags and dividers down the centre so people can see that 2 vehicles can back in at the same time.

7. Adjournment – Len Varjassy moved for adjournment.