

**Mayne Island Improvement District
August Newsletter**

The review of the fire department is underway, the consultant's report is expected be posted on the MIID website after the September Trustees meeting. The terms of reference are posted on the website for those who are interested learning more about the scope of this audit.

The consultant will also be reviewing the initial conceptual outlines for fire hall replacement. The firefighters association has gone over two options and put forward a series of recommendations for consideration. After review by the consultant, these recommendations will form the basis for the next step in developing a new proposal. To date there have been many years and many dollars spent on prior designs, it is important to utilize the knowledge gained by these past efforts to insure an effective and efficient proposal is prepared that will meets the needs and expectations of all stakeholders.

There has been an ongoing effort to post information on the website (www.miidonline.com), all prior freedom of information requests are now found in the FAQ section. Next month we will have the draft budgets posted as soon as they are approved.

We have received much feedback from the Health Centre billing that went out in June. Many comments and criticisms have come in, but thankfully most have been in a positive tone; all of which goes to the Trustees and helps guide our policies and decisions for the coming year. Many of you have followed up on the question of changing the taxation model to a parcel tax; we will be having a town hall meeting on this issue in the coming months. In the meantime we do appreciate comments, which can easily be put to the Trustees through the 'contact' link on the website.

On June 30 we received a letter of resignation from our Administrator, which has resulted in the Trustees having to undertake some additional duties during the transition period. We would like to thank the Administrator for her many years of service and wish her best in her future endeavours.

At a special meeting on July 08 the Trustees made a 60 day interim appointment to the bookkeeping position that was advertised in the July Mayneliner. As the job competition did not close until July 15 and our current Administrator / Bookkeepers last day was July 14 we were in a position of having to appoint a bookkeeper to insure a proper transfer of information and skills. Over the coming month all applications for the bookkeeper's position will be reviewed and a final decision will be made as to the permanent position. At the same time an interim administrator was appointed until the permanent candidate is selected.

In this month's Mayneliner you will find an advertisement for the Administrators position. This is a part time employment opportunity that would suit an individual with an interest in local government. It would be appropriate for interested candidates to have a background that included administrative and management functions.

A reminder that letting us know in advance if you are planning on attending our monthly meetings is appreciated. We have limited seating and if many have let us know in advance that they will be attending we may need to move venues for your comfort and safety.

Additionally if materials are being handed out at the meetings it gives us a guideline as to how many copies to print. Advance notice is not mandatory, but certainly helps with the planning.

**Board of Trustees
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