

## **Mayne Island Improvement District**

### **49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> 2011**

### **Annual Report of the Board of Trustees**

The purpose of this report is to provide you, the residents of Mayne Island, with a summary of the projects and activities that your Board of Trustees were involved with during the past year.

Let me start by saying that it was a somewhat unusual year and therefore, this is going to be a somewhat unusual report. I will first take a little time to thank a number of individuals, groups and organizations for their contribution to the Mayne Island Improvement District and to the Mayne Island community in general. I will then attempt to describe, in my own words, the purpose of the MIID and how it serves our Island community. I will then try to get back on track and give you my summary of what the Board did last year, and to conclude this report I will try to give a description of where I think this Board needs to go in the years ahead and how we the taxpayers and residents of Mayne Island can help it to achieve our goals.

Now, there are a number of Mayne Island residents and organizations I need to thank.

**Jim Marlon-Lambert** – Jim has donated a tremendous number of hours to the MIID and to this island community over the last number of years. With the help of the MIID staff he successfully took an organization run out of a shoe box and transformed it into a professional and efficient organization. Thank you Jim.

**Aaron Somerville** – Aaron has now completed his three year commitment to the residents of Mayne Island as a MIID Trustee. During the past year he took charge of the renovations and upgrades to the Health Centre, he invested a considerable amount of time in putting together the history of our fire department and he sat on the Human Resources Committee. Thank you, Aaron.

**David Maude** – David has now completed the one year term that he was appointed to at last year's AGM. He chaired the Communications Committee and the Human Resources Committee. Thank you, David.

**Tracey De Rousie** – Tracey, as chair of the Finance Committee has donated her time way beyond expectations and completed a review of the MIID Banking service requirements. Her enthusiasm and dedication has been exemplary. Thank you, Tracey.

**Cilla Brooke** – Cilla has served as the Mayne Island Health Centre Liaison. It is partly due to Cilla's dedication that we have one of the best Health Centers in the Province. Thank you Cilla for generously donating your time and knowledge.

**Fire Rescue Services Building Task Force** – I wish to thank all those Mayne Island residents who freely donated their time in order to complete the task assigned to them. Your contribution and commitment is truly appreciated. Thank you.

**Alea Design and Print** – Colleen Fraser and her staff at Alea always manage to meet the Improvement District's unrealistic time requests with superior products at fair market price. Thank you Colleen for all your help.

**Mayne Island Volunteer Firefighters** – Our Volunteer Firefighters were called on a number of times during the past year to do what they do best "Fight fires and protect the resident of our wonderful island". They did their job and they did it well. On behalf of every one on Mayne Island, thank you.

What does the MIID do for me you ask?

In responding to the question I am using my own words therefore I may not be stating things in proper legal terms.

The Mayne Island Improvement District under its *Letters Patent* is required to provide our island residents with Fire Protection Services which includes emergency response, a facility for health services including a helipad and a garbage collection service.

The Fire Protection and Emergency Response services are provided by your volunteer firefighters and funded by your tax dollars. The Health Centre facility and Helipad are also funded by your tax dollars. The administration of these services and facilities are provided by your Mayne Island Improvement District staff who are funded by your tax dollars. The garbage collection services have been contracted out by MIID to Rick Dodds who provides roadway pickup every Monday.

What did the your MIID Trustees do for you last year?

In addition to the twelve Board of Trustee meetings held every third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm, we attended a bunch more meetings.

We implemented a bunch of new policies and agreements.

We dealt with a bunch of provincial regulations and guidelines.

With help from the MIID staff we created budgets for 2011.

Under Aaron Somerville's expert guidance we completed upgrades and maintenance requirements to the Health Centre.

We attended a bunch more meetings

We dealt with some garbage collection issues.

With a considerable effort from our Administrator we were able to satisfy all Provincial requirements in order complete the process required to initiate a Tax Sale for the purpose of collecting delinquent accounts. Fortunately, the delinquent accounts were paid prior to a Tax Sale.

With a great deal of help from The Task Force and The Fire Chief we approved the design and proposed costing of a new Fire Hall.

We managed to navigate through a 'Bureaucratic Jungle' in order have a referendum to approve the borrowing of up to \$3.4 million for the building of a new fire hall. As you all know the referendum was rejected.

Where do we go now and who is going to do it?

We have a problem that needs to be solved on our Island. The current fire hall does not service the needs of our volunteer firefighters. There is not enough room to store all the necessary vehicles. There is not enough room to store all the required equipment. There is not enough room to properly service the firefighting equipment. Simply, our old fire hall does not work very well anymore. This needs to be corrected as soon as possible.

The new MIID Board of Trustees, which you will be electing in a few minutes, has a very difficult job ahead of them. The Board first needs to work with the Fire Chief, the Deputy Fire Chief and the Volunteer Firefighters in order to establish what their minimum requirements are. The Board then needs to consult with island residents in order to determine what Mayne Island can

afford. The Board will then have the responsibility to come up with a viable proposal which will have to satisfy both the volunteer firefighters and the taxpayers.

We, the Mayne Island residents have a responsibility also. Five Trustees should not be expected to do all the work that needs to be done. We have a tremendous amount of talent on this Island and we need to take advantage of it. When The MIID Board of Trustees asks for help we need to step up to the line and volunteer our time.

I conclude with a very simple statement.

It's easy to criticize; It's very hard to create change;

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Board of Trustees, Mayne Island Improvement District

Jon Hoff

Deputy Chair