

MAYNE ISLAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
DRAFT MINUTES of the 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Held on SATURDAY, APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Mayne Island Improvement District (MIID) was held at the Agricultural Hall, Mayne Island, on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 commencing at 1:30 PM. Trustee Jon Hoff chaired the meeting.

**Present:** Trustee Jon Hoff, Deputy Chair; Trustee David Maude; Trustee Tracey DeRousie; Trustee Aaron Somerville  
Steve DeRousie, Sound Technician  
Gerrie Wise, Recording Secretary;  
Mary Cooper, Returning Officer  
Approx 130 Mayne Island property owners and/or residents

**1) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Deputy Chair Jon Hoff welcomed everyone, introduced the MIID Board of Trustees and presented the agenda and small typing corrections to the handout package and Financial Statements. Page one: should read 47<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting not 49<sup>th</sup>. In the Financial Statement on page 7: Dec 31, 2008 should read December 31, 2010. Deputy Chair introduced the agenda with an explanation of the election and nomination procedures.

**2) ADDITIONS TO/ APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Trustee DeRousie requested the addition of the appointment of the Auditor for 2011 as number 7a  
Trustee Maude requested the addition of the appointment of the Returning Officer to elect Trustees for the Mayne island Improvement District at this Annual General Meeting as number 7b

**MOTION:** "Moved by Herbie Rochet and seconded by Murray Gratham that the Agenda of the 47<sup>th</sup> (forty-seventh) Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 be approved as amended".

**Motion was carried unanimously by show of hands**

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010:**

**MOTION:** "Moved by Pat Seebach and seconded by Ed Peterson that the Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> (forty-sixth) Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 be approved as circulated".

Time was requested by some persons to read the minutes.

The Chair reminded all that the Minutes, Agenda, Reports and Financial Statements have been posted on the MIID Website for the past week.

**Motion was carried unanimously by show of hands.**

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**4) ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Trustee Jon Hoff presented and read the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

**MOTION:** “Moved by Ed Peterson and seconded by Marion Worrell that the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees be accepted as read”.

**Motion was carried with one opposed (Louis Vallee) by show of hands.**

**5) ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF:**

Chair indicated the Fire Chief’s Annual Report which is included in the AGM package (attached to these minutes).

**Q. Pat Seebach:** Why is the Fire Chief not here to present this report?

**Answer: Trustee Jon Hoff:** The Fire Chief is presently on vacation. We could read it if you like.

**Q. PS:** Can the Deputy Chief give the report?

**Ans:** No

**Q. PS:** Why Not?

**Ans.** Because I asked that Staff not be directly involved in this meeting.

**Q. PS:** Will the Administrator be here to give her report?

**A.** No she will not, because that is the procedure we decided to follow this year. There is a written report from the Administrator included in your package.

**Q. PS:** But she will not be here to give the report as you did.

**Ans.** I’m sitting at the table so I decided to read it.

**Q. Ed Peterson and others:** Requested time to read the report.

**Q. Louis Vallee** requested the last 2 paragraphs be read aloud.

**A. Chair:** Yes, I can do that.

Several (inaudible) conversations took place among those at the meeting and a person asked if a vote could be held “on that”.

**MOTION:** “Moved Louis Vallee and seconded by Pat Seebach to have the last two (2) paragraphs read aloud”.

**Motion was defeated by a show of hands**

**MOTION:** “Moved by Neil Jensen and seconded by Jim Deverall to accept the Fire Chief’s Report as presented”.

**Motion was carried with one vote opposed by show of hands.** The person voting in opposition was asked if they wished their name recorded, and they replied No, they did not.

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**6) ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:**

The Chair advised the Administrator's Report is included in the AGM package and provided some time to read it. Chair also reminded those present to state their name before moving or seconding a motion or asking a question so it may be recorded for the minutes, and introduced the Recording Secretary at this time.

**MOTION:** "Moved by Louis Vallee and seconded by Judith Englehardt to accept the Administrator's Report as circulated".

**Question: Barbara Judd:** I understand there was payment sent regarding the tax sale: and that there was a process of back and forth until it finally was accepted. I don't see any mention of that and that may be an important part of that. Is that going to be available? There is more information about the Tax Sale than what is presented here and why costs were incurred. I'd like to know when we can get this information.

**Several persons asked if the speaker would restate the question as they could not hear her:**

**Barbara Judd:** I think there is more information about the Tax Sale than what is presented in the paragraph here and why costs were incurred. I'd like to know if we will receive that information.

**Ans: Trustee DeRousie** asked exactly what information are you looking for?

**BJ:** Why the cheque that was sent was not accepted.

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie** I can tell you that. The cheque sent marked "in trust" and we do not have a "Trust" account so it was useless to us.

**Ed Paterson:** John, could you restate the question, please.

**Chair Jon Hoff:** Yes, The question was regarding the tax sale process that we went through last year in the fact that the Improvement District did receive a cheque from that property owner, but the cheque was written to the Improvement District in Trust therefore we could not deposit the cheque.

**Trustee DeRousie:** You could add that it was first sent to the lawyer in Trust.

**Chair Jon Hoff:** There were a number of issues involved and because it was not properly written to the Improvement District, we had to go through various cycles in order to finally get the funds.

**Question: Elma Maund:** Has the MIID set up a Trust account?

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie** No it is not required.

**EM:** why not if someone wants to pay in trust?

**Ans:Chair:** No, It is not required. Taxes are due and payable to the Improvement District, not payable "In Trust".

**Question: Sid Mister** Why did we incur \$9,151 in legal fees to collect these taxes. It seems a lot to collect a relatively small amount?

**Ans: Chair:** It was the first time the Improvement District had gone through a Tax Sale process, we required a lot of legal guidance in order to do it correctly. Pretty well all of that was legal bills. Again you are dealing with a very sensitive issue and you have to

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be very careful to ensure that you are following the proper legal procedures and none of us are lawyers. That's what the money was all about – legal fees. And also costs relative to sending registered mail and etc.

**SM:** But aren't you just sending a Registered Letter? How much is that?

**Ans. Chair :** There has to be at least 3 notices. Again this is the first time the District had to go through that process. It is a very expensive process and it was a learning curve for the Board and in order to do it correctly, we needed legal advice.

**Motion carried unanimously by show of hands**

**7) APPROVAL OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

Chair introduced the Financial Statements and asked for a motion.

**MOTION:** "Moved by Pat Seebach and seconded by Herbie Rochet that the Auditor's Financial Report be adopted as circulated".

Some time was given for people to review the document;

**Question: Murray Gratham:** I was here last year when we got the first of the new type of format and I am totally confused. I am here this year and I am still confused. I think although we have to abide by the rules and regulations, for the average person in this room this is just garbage. It's not explaining anything unless you're an awful lot smarter than the average I've asked questions, I can't get an answer. Now having said that, can I ask a few specific questions?

**Answer: Chair, Jon Hoff:** Yes, certainly. Let me just make a quick comment relative to your statement. I agree with you, it is a very difficult format to follow. One recommendation that we did have from our auditor this year was that they could provide us with a second format of the Financials that would be much easier to understand. We need to provide this format to the Government, and it might be a very good suggestion to the new Board to look into providing a more understandable format.

**MG:** Why didn't you do that?

**Ans:** It was a week and a half ago when we first saw the statements.

**Question Murray G.** Going over the stuff that was understandable in my mind was we used these Auditors to get us to the new style and I presume, giving a lot of guidance and help to the Trustees, but we have now had them for 2 years of this and I truly believe if you look at the price of \$11,000 for audit fees and I have been advised that that is going up this coming year, that we should go out of our way and see if we can find the equivalent type of service at a much cheaper price, because we are dealing with a very large firm and they help you through the process but I truly believe there is a lot of money to be saved; I'd say close to 50% and still get the same product. Under Fire Protection, on page 3 of the Financials, we have spent \$5800 on uniforms. I am curious to know what the uniforms are. Do we provide uniforms for all the fire fighters free of charge? What is that?

**Ans: Trustee Somerville, & Chair, Jon Hoff:** Yes, it was for uniforms: jackets, etc.

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**Question** from audience member not identified: Are these Dress Uniforms?

**MG** Okay, and my last question is Under Health Centre, same page we have an item called Management Fees for \$10,000. What does that represent?

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** That is Brian Crumblehulme, looks after the Health Centre for us, if anything goes wrong day or night, he is called to come and fix it.

**MG:** Okay, like a Property manager, Thank you.

**Q. Barbara Judd:** I would like to clarify what each of these pages are, because it appears that a number of things are duplicated from page to page. So there is a page saying Statement of Financial Position and some of those same numbers are on another page. It seems that the same numbers are on a number of different pages, so I would like to clarify what are these different pages?

**Ans. Chair:** They are simply different Financial Statements reporting on this year's activity. One is a Statement of Change in Financial Assets – am I answering your question?

**BJ:** Will I find that at the top of the page? Statement of Financial Position – is that Statement of Change in Financial Assets?

**Trustee DeRousie:** You have to remember the format is to satisfy Government requirements.

**Q Barbara Judd:** I will pay attention to that as we go along but I have several specific questions: What items are included? It appears - On Page 3 Operations: Building and Grounds Maintenance under expenses: What Buildings? Under Governance.

**Ans: Trustee DeRousie:** It would be-It is confusing because the fees are allocated to each different area and relate to all costs, such as office cleaning, lawn mowing, etc.

**Q. BJ:** Under Education & Training: Is that for the firefighters?

**Ans.** Yes

**Q. BJ:** Please break down what positions are paid positions; and what that includes, both under Governance and under Fire Protection.

**Ans.** Under Governance paid position is our Administrator and some Ad Hoc work Under Fire protection we have a Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, two Captains and three Lieutenants and all the firefighters.

**Q. BJ:** Can we find out what we are paying ?

**Ans.** I'm not certain I am able to disperse that information, but I think you are entitled to obtain that.

**Voice from audience:** never mind, I'll provide that.

**Q. BJ:** How are the Health Centre allocation of expenses in note 5 made? Is that similar where some expenses are paid for under the Heath Centre and there just was a decision made where to put the number?

**Ans.** Yes, as explained in note 5

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**Q. Alex Schatroph**

(Chair asked Mr Schatroph for his last name and requested he use the microphone)

While we are on this audit thing, they estimated at \$7000 for audit fees in 2010, and came in with 11 grand. Can't they hold to their estimates? And number 2: isn't the government suggest that you change an auditor every 3 years? Then why are we not doing that, why do we keep going back to the same people?

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie** What was your first question please?

**A.S.** The question was why didn't they stick to their estimate of 7Grand?.

**Ans Trustee DeRousie:** That was not their estimate, that budget figure was based on the Board's estimate, not the Accountant's.

**A.S.** Don't they tell you how much they are gonna charge you?

**Ans Trustee DeRousie:** I believe so, yes, I will try to explain this but-

**A.S.** Well I can comprehend a Financial Statement, but I would ask them what are you going to charge us for 2011

**Ans Trustee DeRousie:** Yes –

**A.S.** And hold them to it. They are going to give you the price.

**Ans Trustee DeRousie:** Yes, I don't know if this budget -What happens is the budget is prepared and sent in to the Ministry before we know for sure what the cost is going to be. –

**A.S.** You mean you can't phone the auditors and say we're doin' a budget, how much are you gonna cost us for audit fees for 2011

**Ans Trustee DeRousie:** maybe they hadn't done that. I don't know I've only been on the Board for a year, I wasn't on the Board when this budget was prepared.

**Ans. Chair:** Alex, can I interject here for a moment. That is an issue that the new Board needs to deal with. We do have an estimate from the current Auditor as to what it is going to cost next year, and-

**A.S.** A solid estimate – not a free wheeling one?

**Ans. Chair:** They have estimated the cost will be \$12,000.

**A.S.** Okay so we are going up again. So while we are on going up – I wanna talk about the Health Centre. In 2007 the budget was \$49,000. in 2009, it went to \$62,700, you spent \$88,800. Now last year you budgeted \$ 74,000- you did \$102,446 and I understand that for the 2011 budget you're gonna do a whopping \$137,000.

When are you gonna throw out an anchor? You know, at the meeting yesterday with the MP's they said every person over here owes \$43,000 for our national debt. And you guys are keeping it cranking it up. So throw the anchor out somewhere along the way, will ya? And we'll talk about the fire department when the new Board's appointed.

**Q. Peter Sara:** A simple question: I'm not an accountant, so I can't really understand. On page 3 on the bottom it says accumulated surplus \$1,709,000 is that correct? Does that mean there is \$1,709,000 in the Bank account of the Improvement District?

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie.** Peter, that is all the assets that belong, all the Trucks, Buildings, the Health Centre the land; the whole thing.

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**Q. Atsuo Sumi:** I have been here for weekends for the past several years. This is the first time I have attended a meeting. Thank you to all volunteers, I'm sorry I didn't attend before. I see that this format as mentioned by the lady for 2009 is a new one. I have looked at 2005 and 2006 and quite a bit different. I know everything is expensive, I am not trying to criticize, we are all in the same boat, we all on a fixed income I think we are; we should not going to be increase so much. The reason I came here is because Vancouver is getting to expensive and so I found it here very reasonable. In 2005 we had revenue of about \$ 255,411 and then 2010 it was \$ 698, 944. Expenditures was- I have a few questions I'd like to see. Wages is increased: in 2005 is \$48,122 and in 2010 including Health Care and also Fire Dept is \$272,823. That's combined together; it is quite an expense, quite an increase. Another is office miscellaneous: in 2005 was \$5,291 this year is \$22,284. It is very increased. I think I'll have to leave the island soon, looks like. We all on fixed income so I'd like to see reduced expense and try not to increase the Tax. Another thing, the Health Care Centre, I agree we have to invest quite a lot because we are all getting old This is a most important thing. I am 64 years old so I think of these kind of things. So for the future, I like to see invest. Also the Fire sections we need to meet Government standards and government code, and we should spend the money we should make addition to the building, I understand that. Many things, if, if, if coming, we as see last week in Japan those times you cannot do too much, but for afterwards you can prepare. I think it should be more in Education section here. Education here in 2005 was \$10,426 this year is \$26,824 and 2009 was \$30,000. I'd like to see Education & Training to be for how we do after a disaster. About those things, I like to see. About legal fees, we should not spend too much on lawyers. Trying to cooperate more with each is the only way we can cut down on legal fees. We should try to be more friendly. Thank you very much.

**Trustee DeRousie** wished to make a comment: I would just like to point out because there is so much concern about the legal fees and the high cost of the auditor, I would like you to know that the Auditor did \$9000 worth of work last year that she did not charge us for and the legal company that we deal with, Scott Moncrieff, have also done quite a bit of "pro bono" work for us this year. I think we should appreciate that and consider ourselves legal to some extent that our legal bills and our auditing is not a lot more expensive.

**Q. Maya Jordan:** Looking at Page 3, and it is a lot to take in, but I can just focus roughly on the wages. Just tallying them up, am I right? It's about \$285,000 a year and if we add the management fee of 10, which is kind of a wage, I guess, it's 295.9. So my question is – maybe someone already asked it – I couldn't hear. May we have a breakdown- where does this go – to me it seems like a lot – I don't know – where is, how is this allocated – these wages. It doesn't say – does it say. Roughly, and it could be more – I'm just going over this roughly, I get \$295.9 in total wages for the year. So I am just wondering how is this allocated.

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** Not counting the management costs for the Health Centre, the total is \$272,823 for wages and costs.

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**Q. MJ:** More specifically, there is a total - totaling the whole column up, health and everything, so I am just wondering how are these wages allocated? To whom If I have to be-

**Trustee DeRousie:** Who are they allocated to?

**M.J.** Yes, Well I don't need the names but the categories,- I mean how does this work out? That's nearly \$300,000 a year. It seems like a lot to me, so

**Alex Schatroph** I can answer that for you if you like.

**M.J.** I'll just leave it with you.

*(Unheard, Unrecorded question)*

**Trustee DeRousie:** No, Mr Schatroph is speaking for himself.

**Alex Schatroph** There seems to be a lot of interest in wages, so let's get to it. I understand that the wages of the Administrator the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief have been set by the Board. And I assume you did your due diligence and fiduciary duties by possibly looking at other islands around of the same size when you set your wages. Now, when I did my own thing the other day: For your information, the Fire Chief gets \$84,000 a year. Now I understand he's on a contract and he gets plus benefits. What are the benefits? Is it Life insurance? Is it AD&D? Is it Long Term Disability? Medical, Dental, Health, Extended Health? How much does it cost per person?

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** Per person –

**Alex Schatroph:** Yes annual costs for the Fire Chief's bonuses or whatever the thing is.

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** I don't have all those figures with me, *(she continued unrecorded, unheard)*

**Alex Schatroph** Well you guys sign cheques for it don't you?

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** Of course we do –

**Alex Schatroph** Right. So you don't know the cost or the average cost

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** We know -

**Alex Schatroph:** Is there a pension plan involved?

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** Of course

**Alex Schatroph** There is, Okay so how much are you payin' – Are they contributing anything to their pension plan?

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** Sir, I do not have all those figures in my head. I'm sorry.

**Alex Schatroph:** Okay well then we'll just continue: Galiano North Fire Chief makes \$9,120 a year, Galiano South which is more populous; the Fire Chief makes \$21,204 a year. Saturna the Fire Chief makes \$10,800 a year. Union Bay on Vancouver Island, he makes \$15,000 a year. Denman Island, he makes \$14,000 through 2014. Hornby Island, he makes \$19,627 and Deep Bay Improvement District pays \$19,203 to our \$84,000. Quite a discrepancy, I would say.

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** What about Pender Island?

**Alex Schatroph:** Pender Island is far bigger than this and so is Salt Spring. These islands are relative to the population of Mayne Island. Otherwise you could say what

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about New York City? You know- where do we stop? Now the next question I have is in 2009 the Deputy Fire Chief's salary was \$16,915 a year for in 2010 it went to \$30,000 a 77% raise for a 3-day work week. Why?

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** It wasn't a 3-day work week before this year-

**Alex Schatroph** But it's a 3-day work week now at 30 grand and then for 2011 we're goin' to \$32,000. And most of these other islands don't have a Deputy Chief. So what I'm saying here: is that a fair raise in the times that we are experiencing economic difficulties. For 2011 you have approved an additional Administrative position- oh by the way the Administrator makes \$52,000 a year anybody wants to know.

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** Excuse me, that's what it costs the Improvement District, not what the Administrator makes. There are benefits –

**Alex Schatroph:** Excuse me, right in here in your own -with benefits she makes

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** Wages and costs.

**Alex Schatroph** Yes, she makes \$52,000 a year for 2011 its right here in writing Administrator. \$52,596 including benefits. Now you have approved an Assistant to the Administrator who will work one day a week and make \$250 a day for \$12,000 a year.

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** Really?

**Alex Schatroph:** Yes, you have approved it, yes it's right here in writing from Mayne Island Improvement District. So I'm not sucking this out of my thumb, its right here. So what I'm saying is if she turns this thing into a 5 day week, she's going to make 60 Grand a year. Yeah sure. Why not make it a million. You know let's just crank up the prices and keep it going.

**Chair, Jon Hoff:** Can you keep it civil, okay

**Alex Schatroph:** Yeah, Okay so basically I'm saying you people are out of control, you have to slow it down, you gotta do something because you're not in tune with the rest of the industry. Thank you

**Q. Ian Dow** Under Health Centre: In 2009 there were no legal expenses and in 2010 the legal expenses were \$7,151. What was that?

**Ans. Chair** That was all relative to the Tax Sale and the attempt to collect delinquent taxes.

**Ian Dow:** That's relevant to the Health Centre?

**Ans. Chair** Yes, that's correct.

**Q. Judy Taylor** I would to ask if this gentleman, (*indicated Mr. Schatroph*) who is so knowledgeable, is going to run for the Improvement District. Maybe it is time for him..(*balance was unheard as Mr. Schatroph and Mrs Taylor engaged in a conversational exchange which was not recorded*),

**Chair Jon Hoff** asked that there be no personal attacks and requested Mrs Taylor to please sit down.

**Q. Barbara Judd** I'm just wondering why the land is only valued at \$3650 which ends up affecting our net assets?

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** That is exactly what was paid for the land.

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**Q. Barbara Judd** You don't put on value? It's just paid price?

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie:** Yes

**Q. Elma Maund:** I just have a statement to make. I just attended a whole slew of meetings on this Island and there will be others. Every one of the Improvement Districts that handle Water have a same fiduciary responsibility that the Mayne Island Improvement District has Every one of them presents a set of financial statements that everyone in the room can understand. I think it is time that you guys start providing us with those statements that are understandable to even people who know how to understand Financial Statements. Thank you.

**Q. Carol Munro:** I would just like to make a point of order. I think this part of the meeting is for questions and statements are for after the meeting. I am just wondering if we could go back to that format or we are going to be here til midnight..

**Chair:** Thank you, Carol

**Q. Ian Dow** On my question earlier where under Health Centre On Page 3 legal costs are shown as \$7151 and you stated that was for Tax collection and Tax collection had been identified as costs on the annual Administrators Report for 2010 as \$9,151. That's why I didn't think that had anything to do with the legals as audited on the Health Centre on page 3. There are two different figures, Why is that?

**Ans. Trustee DeRousie** I'm not exactly sure – it may be allocations by the auditor – does that make sense.

**Ian Dow** No, it is specifically noted as legal. I will leave it with you.

**Motion was carried unanimously by show of hands.**

#### **7a) APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2011**

Chair Jon Hoff called for a motion to appoint current Auditors, McLean, Lizotte, Wheadon and Company for 2011.

**No motion was received.**

**Question: Murray Gratham** I would like to change that motion slightly and request that the new executive, the new Trustees pursue the Auditors, and if they find that this company is the best, by all means, we take your recommendation, but if you people are open to suggestions, please solicit anybody you can. But let's do it after the meeting. It's too touchy a subject to vote on.

**Chair:** Thank you Murray. If there is no motion to appoint this auditor, then it's left to the Board to do so.

**Question: Ed Peterson:** Are we allowed to leave it to the Board?

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**Ans.Chair:** Very good question Ed. And in fact, yes we are. We have checked that with the Ministry. The Auditor does not have to be appointed at this AGM; it can be appointed by the Trustees.

**MOTION:** “Moved by Ed Peterson and seconded by Elma Maund that the Board be authorized by this meeting to seek an Auditor that is respected and reasonable”.

**Question: Mille Leathers:** How long have we had this firm?

**Ans. Chair:** This firm has been auditing the books of the MIID for 7 years.

**Trustee DeRousie:** May I make a point? This Board, and hopefully the next Board, agrees that it is time for a review. What we don't think is a good idea, is to change when we are 1/3 or 1/4 of the way through the year. That's the problem. The new Board is going to be so busy their heads will be spinning so they need a little bit of a breather before they have to start finding a new Auditor. They've got a lot of work to do in the next few months.

**Question: Colleen Ming:** I have served on many Boards and I have worked in the non-profit sector for many, many years and I would like to advise the new Board or anyone else that would like some advise. I would like you know that as a small non-profit organization, there is help out there for everything. I stood up at last year's meeting and said there is help out there for the Privacy Commission, there's help out there for lawyers, there's help out there for financial issues and all you need to do is get your administrator trained. There is training sessions at least 4 times a year for administrators of non-profits and they are well worth every minute of education.

**Trustee DeRousie** Excuse me, may I ask does that apply to lower level government as non-profit.

**Colleen Ming** Yes, yes that it does.

The motion was read out by the Recording Secretary

**Motion was carried unanimously by show of hands.**

### **7b) Appointment of Returning Officer to elect Trustees for the Mayne Island Improvement District**

#### **MOTION**

Moved by Louis Vallee and seconded by Elma Maund to appoint Mary Cooper as Returning officer for the election of Trustees.

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**8) ELECTION OF TRUSTEES FOR BOARD OF MIID**

Chair read the positions available.

**ELECTION OF TWO (2) TRUSTEES FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM:**

**ELECTION OF ONE (1) TRUSTEE FOR A ONE (2) YEAR TERM**

**ELECTION OF ONE (1) TRUSTEE FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM**

Chair then read the list of Candidates for the positions:

**Nominations for the two 3-year terms:**

Dean MacKay

Gary Akey

**Nominations for one 2-year term:**

David Maude

**Nominations for one 1-year term:**

Bob McKinnon

*(The Returning Officer displayed the names and terms on a flip chart)*

Chair called for nominations from the floor

Pat Seebach nominated Aaron Reith for the 1 year position who accepted. Seconded by Don DeRousie. The Returning Officer provided Ms. Seebach with a Nomination form and Declaration.

A call was made for further nominations from the floor. A second call was made for further nominations from the floor. A third call was made for further nominations from the floor.

There being none further, nominations were closed.

The Chair declared the Trustees for the 2 and 3 year terms were elected by acclamation.

**Ed Peterson** asked for clarification of the names and Trustee's terms, and was directed to the Returning Officer's flip chart.

**The Chair** clarified that the 2 and 3 year terms were elected by acclamation, and that we will be voting for the one year position.

Nominees for the position of 1 year were then given the opportunity to speak, each for 3 minutes, with the order determined by a draw.

Bob McKinnon and Aaron Reith both spoke briefly to introduce themselves.

**Ed Peterson** requested the opportunity to question the candidates:

1) Peter Sara has pointed out that the minutes of Board meetings are not available quickly. Will you make them available as soon as possible?

2) Will you commit to move forward to create a new committee of experts to consider the fire hall?

Candidates both refused the opportunity to answer

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**Chair** turned the meeting to the Returning Officer for the Election.

A review of the Voting Regulations was given and the Returning Officer announced that she had an updated list of property owners on Mayne Island. Questions were taken.

**Elma Maund:** Are proxy votes permitted?

**Mary Cooper:** No, Proxies are not permitted.

The Returning officer asked for a volunteer to act as scrutineer and Sandy Forest volunteered and was sworn in. The duties and responsibilities of candidates and scrutineer were explained. The Returning Officer was assisted by Sheila Dunnachie and Herbie Rochet serving as election assistants.

**Unidentified:** Can't we do this with a show of hands?

**Returning Officer:** No, we must do this by ballot and follow the proper procedure.

The election proceeded and after calling for anyone who had not voted to do so, the Returning Officer closed the Polls at 3:35 PM. Ballots were counted while the meeting re-convened.

**The Chair** re-convened the meeting and the Trustees elected by acclamation were given the opportunity to speak.

Trustees Gary Akey, Dean MacKay, and David Maude each spoke briefly.

## 9) QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

**Q.** A member of the audience asked since everyone else spoke could they hear from Trustee DeRousie.

Chair explained that Trustee DeRousie is an incumbent and did not have to be re-elected. Chair then asked Trustee DeRousie if she wished to speak, but Trustee DeRousie declined.

**Q. Ken Chubb** expressed that he was concerned that voters should be able to question the Candidates and was gratified that Ed Peterson's questions were permitted I hope for the future that more time will be allowed to question candidates.

**Colleen Ming** thanked John Hoff for taking over as Chair and for his service over the past year.

**Pat Seebach** thanked Aaron Somerville for his 3 years of service and thanked the members of the Task Force for their many, many hours of service.

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**ELECTION OF TRUSTEES:**

**Results were announced by Mary Cooper, Returning Officer:**

Bob McKinnon received 83 votes;

Aaron Reith received 45 votes;

Bob McKinnon was declared the new Trustee for a 1-year term.

**10) ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: "Moved to adjourn the meeting" Carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM**

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David Maude, Chair, MIID Board of Trustees

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M.J. McCulloch, Administrator

cc: Trustees, Auditor, Administrator, Fire Chief, Library, file  
Submitted by: Gerrie Wise, Recording Secretary