

Mayne Island Recycling Society 2024 AGM, 13 June 2024

President's Report for 2023/24

Good afternoon and thank you for attending the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Mayne Island Recycling Society. As many of you know, on June 13 2023, the Society met at a Special General Meeting and voted to adopt some changes to our Bylaws and Constitution. Among the changes adopted were new terms for various positions on the Board. When we vote for the new Board today, we will be using the new Bylaws and Board terms for the first time.

I am glad to report to you today that the Society has had another successful year. As you will see from the Treasurer's report, our finances are in good shape. I would like to thank all the staff, volunteers and Board members for their many efforts and contributions. These are all deeply appreciated by the Society.

I would like to also thank the two current Board members who are not standing for re-election today, namely Richard Jarco and Kathy Kaiser. Richard has been our Communication Liaison, working closely with Communications Coordinator Elise Bouer on web site and social media communications. Richard has also coordinated (and written many of) our contributions to the MayneLiner, as well as initiating and leading the "Rethinking" contest. Kathy has been a stellar Volunteer Coordinator. Among her many contributions have been expanding the Volunteer base, initiating Volunteer Appreciation events, as well as producing artistic signs and notices for the Depot. Thank you, Richard and Kathy, you will both be missed on the Board, and I am very happy that you have both indicated you wish to continue to volunteer at the depot.

I will touch briefly on the highlights and accomplishments since the last AGM:

- The depot operated safely for the year with no reported accidents or incidents. We have continued our regular depot safety and housekeeping inspections, in the spirit of continuous improvement. These inspections usually uncover a few items which are promptly dealt with. In 2025 on the Health and Safety front we are working on measuring and mitigating high noise levels from sorting glass bottles, with the help and guidance of Board member Sean Tucker.
- For the busy summer period of 2024, we made a number of changes to minimize the buildup of waiting vehicles on Campbell Bay Road, which on occasions in 2022 had become a safety issue. The changes including opening the depot for an extra day, and improving management of traffic within the depot. These efforts were successful and the lineups were much shorter in the busy months of 2023.
- In 2023 our venerable forklift finally reached in the end of the road, having been nursed along for some time by Rick Anderson. We have had this forklift for at least 20 years, and it certainly wasn't new when we got it, so it was probably time. Bill Warning led an urgent mission to find a replacement, which was successful. After a few minor teething problems and getting used to much stronger brakes, the new forklift has proved a more than suitable replacement.
- Experience with the new forklift suggested it was also time to consider the resurfacing the depot, which had not been replaced since the depot was built. The new surface has been a major improvement. Moving the large totes has become easier, and the depot is cleaner. We have had many positive comments on the change
- In 2023/24 we undertook a significant effort to review and update our Constitution and Bylaws. We are very appreciative of the very significant work done by Gary Caroline to

review the Societies Act, identify where our existing Bylaws were not compliant with the new law, and propose changes. A sub-committee comprising Gary, Don, Bill and Mike worked on finalizing these changes, which were approved by the Membership at the June 13 2024 Special General Meeting.

- In 2023/24 we continued to engage with other Southern Gulf Islands depots to share best practices, information and practical solutions for common problems. SGIRC also provides a common voice to lobby regulators and other stakeholders as appropriate. The Coast Waste Management Association (of which we are a member) continues to be a valuable source of information and support.