

**POINT PLEASANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOTES**

June 10, 2010

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair
Mr. Don Awalt, Vice Chair
Mr. Phillip Read
Mr. Murray Wilson
Mr. Frazer Egerton

REGRETS: Councillor Sue Uteck
Mr. Harold Norve
Ms. Lisa Olie
Mr. Chris Crowell
Mr. Bernard Badley
Ms. Kate Green

STAFF: Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks
Mr. Tylor McDuff, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order with no quorum present at 4:49 p.m. at the Superintendent's Building, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 13, 2010

The item was deferred to the next meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 9.1 Trail Conditions - Mr. Phillip Read
- 9.2 Inspection of Naval Ships - Mr. Stephen Rice
- 9.3 Lighthouse Funding

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES / STAFF UPDATES

4.1 Volunteers in the Park (VIP) Program Update

Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks, reported that Mr. Brian Phelan, Supervisor of Parks and Open Spaces, had called Mr. Ken Hollingham regarding the donation of trees and labour, however, had not heard back as of June 9, 2010. Mr. Rice added that it was now too late for a spring plant and added there would be another opportunity in the fall.

Mr. Rice reported that no further progress had been made with Pete's Frootique regarding participation in the VIP Program.

The Chair expressed concern that, as of two months ago, three groups had communicated interest in participating in the VIP Program and still none had been confirmed. He added that the prepared Public Relations plan was not being implemented.

Mr. Rice indicated he would follow up with Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager of Real Property Planning, concerning the status of volunteer engagement.

The Chair indicated that July 17, 2010 was the first scheduled session for volunteers participating in the Program to do work. Mr. Rice indicated that once a group was confirmed, everything would be arranged. He added he would bring a staff person to

assist and supervise.

A discussion followed regarding the need to place stickers over portions of 1000 printed brochures for the VIP Program that referenced the Friends of Point Pleasant Park. Mr. Rice suggested having the stickers printed at the HRM Print Centre.

Mr. Rice reported that the VIP shirts and hats had been retrieved from storage.

4.2 Shilling Ceremony

The Chair reported he was still waiting for the letter inviting the Queen's representative to be signed by himself and the Mayor. He noted that delays were impacting the feasibility of organizing a Ceremony this year and added he was hoping for a response from staff.

A discussion followed around items requiring staff response. Issues raised included the posting of information at sites where renovation and reconstruction work was being done, lettering both sides of Park signs, and completion of the fish tank showcases.

4.3 Staff Updates

4.3.1 New Canteen

Mr. Rice reported that the canteen opened on June 1, 2010. He noted that the contract stipulated the site remain open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to dusk until the Labour Day Weekend, at which point it would only be open on weekends. He indicated that there were some days where it had remained closed and explained that the operator had problems regarding occupancy and staff.

4.3.2 Fortifications Work

There was no update at this time.

4.3.3 Port Extension

There was no update at this time.

4.3.4 Beach Reopening

Mr. Rice reported that Black Rock Beach was scheduled to reopen towards the end of June 2010. He explained that screens were in place at the Halifax Treatment Plant to collect solids. Mr. Read explained that he understood that trucks would clean out the

screens two or three times a week.

Mr. Rice added he had not heard anything from Councillor Uteck or the Water Commission regarding reopening festivities.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Correspondence - None

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS - None

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Trail Condition - Mr. Phillip Read

Mr. Read expressed concern regarding the dust on the sides of trails and roads. Mr. Rice indicated there was a plan to do some work, however noted that crusher dust was everywhere. He added that roads and trails were an ongoing issue.

Mr. Egerton arrived at 5:06 p.m.

8.2 Inspection of Naval Ships - Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks

Mr. Rice reported that on June 26 2010, there would be an official inspection of naval ships and that a cannon would be fired as ships entered the harbour.

8.3 Lighthouse Funding - Mr. Phillip Read

Mr. Read inquired about any impact on the Park from the change in Federal funding of lighthouses. Mr. Rice explained that the Sailor's Memorial was not a navigational beacon and would not be affected by the change.

Mr. Wilson arrived at 5:11 p.m.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for July 8, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Tylor McDuff
Legislative Support