

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

POINT PLEASANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 8, 2010

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum (Chair)
Mr. Don Awalt (Vice Chair)
Mr. Bernard Badley
Mr. Harold Norve
Ms. Lisa Olie
Ms. Kate Green

REGRETS: Mr. Phillip Read

STAFF: Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks
Mr. Brian Phelan, Supervisor of Parks and Open Spaces
Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Mr. Tylor McDuff, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:31pm at the Superintendent's Building, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax.

Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk, noted that the Terms of Reference had been amended to allow for a quorum of one half plus one of the current voting members of the Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Notes of March 11, 2010

MOVED BY Mr. Norve, seconded by Mr. Awalt, that the notes of March 11, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES / STAFF UPDATES

4.1 Volunteers in the Park (VIP) Program Update

The Chair reported that Ken Hollingham had offered to give 2,500 trees and take on the labour of planting them, which involved six or seven labourers. He added that the trees would have to be acceptable to HRM.

The Chair also indicated that the funding would need to be allocated to either the municipality or to the Park.

The Chair requested an update from Mr. Peter Bigelow regarding the staff at Pete's Frootique.

The Chair indicated he had a the program information from last year, including brochures and registration forms.

4.2 Shilling Ceremony

The Chair referred to the minutes and noted that five thousand dollars had been made available for the Ceremony. He explained that the Mayor's Office did not have established protocol for the Ceremony and added that a lot of the organizing would

need to be done by the Committee.

Ms. Green volunteered to work with the Lieutenant Governor's Office in developing a list of officials and dignitaries to invite to the Ceremony.

Ms. Olie and Ms. Murphy indicated they would provide some contacts for the list.

The Chair indicated the list should be compiled for next meeting.

The Chair also reported that the Bengal Lancers had indicated a willingness to be involved.

A discussion ensued regarding the availability of information from previous Shilling Ceremonies. Ms. Murphy reported that if the last Ceremony was prior to amalgamation, the information might not be available. The Chair suggested all organizing information should be kept in central location for future reference.

The Chair indicated that the current target date is the middle of July.

4.3 Staff Update

Mr. Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks, reported that sweeping was proceeding on the paths. He explained that since paths are now dried out, heavy equipment was able to access more areas.

Mr. Rice added that more Park events were booked than ever before, including small scale functions like walks, runs, and family picnics. He added that Community Development would handle events in the future as opposed to the Park Supervisor.

A discussion followed regarding traffic along Point Pleasant Drive and at the entrance to the park. It was noted that the crosswalk from Young would be very pedestrian-centric and may provide a focus for people crossing the street.

Ms. Murphy indicated that any consideration of altering the available parking on Point Pleasant Road needed to go through Traffic Authority for assessment. Ms. Murphy offered to follow up with staff on the feasibility of making one side of the street no parking on the weekends to increase the safety of pedestrians and cyclists during times of heavy use.

The Chair requested an update on the status of the trail and asked for clarification as to its route. He also noted that the area in front of the fountain should be paved differently from the street to highlight it as part of the park.

The Chair reported he had received feedback on the condition of Fort Ogilvie and Fort Cambridge and had passed it on to Mr. Bigelow. He had requested an update from Mr. Bigelow as there were concerns around trees disappearing and it was unclear why.

Mr. Badley asked for clarification on the site numbers in the park as well as the writeups for each location.

The Chair requested an update on the status of the fish tanks be added to the next agenda.

A discussion ensued regarding putting names on both sides of the sign posts. Ms. Murphy indicated she would follow up with Mr. Bigelow on these matters.

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 Helios Outdoor Multigym

- Helios Outdoor Multigym Information Sheet was submitted

Mr. Brian Phelan, Supervisor of Parks and Open Space, reported on the installation of the Helios Outdoor Fitness Stations. He reported that one was being donated to the park and installation will begin once the concrete pad is in place.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for May 13, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07p.m.

Tylor McDuff
Legislative Support