

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

July 14, 2011

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair
Mr. Don Awalt, Vice Chair
Mr. Richard Tilley
Ms. Lisa Olie
Ms. Thersa Piorkowski
Ms. Katrina Leckovic

REGRETS: Mr. Dale Smith
Mr. Robert Apold
Ms. Nancy Vanstone
Councillor Sue Uteck

STAFF: Mr. Brian Phelan, Supervisor of Parks and Open Spaces
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. in the Office and Maintenance Building, Point Pleasant Park.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 9, 2011

MOVED by Mr. Tilley, seconded by Mr. Awalt that the minutes of June 9, 2011 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The agenda was accepted as presented.

7.1.1 Open Project in Point Pleasant Park – Introduction – Ms. Siobhan Wiggins, Arts Programmer

A project description of Parchetypes by William Robinson was before the Committee.

Ms. Siobhan Wiggins, Arts Programmer, requested the Committee's feedback on Eyelevel Gallery's recent Performance in the Park; noting the event was a success with coverage in both local and national papers. She stated that they engaged with people who would not normally take in performance art or Eyelevel Gallery. She suggested; however, that the Committee and Park staff may want to consider an issue that arose with regards to driving on Park roads for future projects.

The Committee and staff agreed that even more advertising was required and that event signs could be displayed at Park entrances.

Ms. Wiggins will provide this feedback to Eyelevel Gallery who are interested in doing more events. She also noted that an exhibition of Ms. Aimee Brown's work would be opening to display the body of work she has developed as the Point Pleasant Park Artist in Residence.

Ms. Wiggins then presented Mr. Will Robinson's upcoming Parchetypes Project which would take place in the Park and requested feedback from the Committee.

A discussion on the project ensued. The following points were noted:

- There will be information on the project for visitors to the Park and potentially a sandwich board and leaflets
- There will be an artist talk during the project
- HRM staff will work with Mr. Robinson to scout out locations for the pianos
- There will be no busking associated with the project

Ms. Wiggins indicated that she would forward the Committee's feedback to Mr. Robinson and would follow up with the Committee as well. She stated that staff had put out another call for an Artist in Residence at the Point Pleasant Park Lodge and once someone was chosen they would come meet the Committee.

4.2 Staff Updates

Mr. Brian Phelan, Supervisor of Parks and Open Spaces, provided the following updates as requested at the last meeting:

- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Coyote Smart signs will be installed at the two parking lots and the Young Avenue entrance area.
- He has created a draft information bulletin that will be made into a sandwich board sign and placed at the Birch Road Pond area to raise public awareness.
- He checked for the bicycle rules sign at the Tower Road entrance and it is present on the kiosk along with the other park rules.

The updates continued with staff also responding to requests from the Committee. The following points were noted:

- A DNR Coyote Smart sign will also be placed at the Chain Road entrance
- Line painting in the large lower parking lot will take place shortly
- As requested, By-law Services Animal Control staff conducted a dog blitz in the Park and issued several tickets as a result
- By-law Services have reviewed the signage for bicycles and feel that it may not be adequate for enforcement. Parks staff are trying to balance the need to more signs while trying to avoid sign pollution
- HRM has the ability to post whatever signs they feel are appropriate and more visible signage at the main entrance has been proposed
- The Committee would like a more specific proposal regarding signage
- It was suggested that staff investigate the use of water based paints or chalk to spray tracks at all entrances stating the 10km maximum speed limit
- It was suggested that signage be installed at the secondary Point Pleasant Battery for liability purposes

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Business Arising

4.1.1 Enforcement of By-law A-300 – Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership

The Chair advised that he spoke to Mr. Peter McCurdy who had submitted correspondence at the last meeting; noting he was pleased to be contacted and the Committee's suggestion of sandwich boards was well received.

The Chair requested an update for the meeting from the Off Leash Committee regarding the timing and geography for off leash areas.

4.1.2 Volunteers in the Park

The Chair advised that Ms. Piorkowski had volunteered to help with the Volunteers in the Park initiative. He stated that he would like to get a list of jobs from staff and to become more active and start generating publicity.

Mr. Phelan stated that Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks, would be the staff lead for this initiative.

The Chair indicated that it may be possible for him to speak on CBC's Information Morning regarding this initiative and, if so, that he would send an email to obtain approved talking points.

Mr. Tilley stated that he would like to see more university students involved with volunteering in the Park.

4.1.3 Shilling Ceremony

The Chair requested that staff follow up on the potential of having the Shilling Ceremony in September and what was holding up the process.

Mr. Awalt requested that an item titled Memorial for the Mi'Kmaq Warrior be added to the September agenda as well as what monies were still available for this initiative.

The Chair noted that the Committee needed to facilitate a discussion between the Elders and the Manager of Real Property Planning.

4.2 Staff Updates

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 4.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 Correspondence dated June 24, 2011 from Mr. Tom Machell

Correspondence dated June 24, 2011 from Mr. Tom Machell was before the Committee.

The Chair advised that he would draft an acknowledgment to Mr. Machell regarding his correspondence dated June 24, 2011. He stated that Mr. Machell raised an interesting point and that perhaps they should label individually when it comes to renewal.

Mr. Phelan also suggested that, since such bookings are made via the HRM scheduling office, staff there could ensure that those making the booking have the appropriate maps and clear directions as to where they are going in the Park; noting this was easy to include in an information package.

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff

7.1.1 Open Project in Point Pleasant Park – Introduction – Ms. Siobhan Wiggans, Arts Programmer

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 3.

8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – September 15, 2011

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant