

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

March 8, 2012

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

REGRETS: Councillor Sue Uteck  
Mr. Angus MacLennan  
Mr. Robert Apold  
Ms. Nancy Vanstone

STAFF: Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks  
Mr. Brian Phelan, Supervisor of Parks and Open Spaces  
Ms. Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 9, 2012**

**MOVED by Mr. Tilley, seconded by Ms. Leckovic that the minutes of February 9, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

The Committee agreed to approve the order of business as presented.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STAFF UPDATES**

**4.1 Business Arising**

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

The Chair and Mr. Tilley informed the Committee about their recent experiences attempting to register dog-related complaints with the 490-4000 call centre and finding the experience intimidating and the staff non-receptive.

Mr. Rice suggested members request a complaint tracking number when calling in a complaint.

The Chair inquired about the centre's criteria or triage script for directing complaints.

Mr. Phelan stated that he would inquire into this matter in terms of the call centre structure.

**4.1.2 Park User Survey**

Mr. Tilley noted that Ms. Vanstone and Ms. Leckovic had sent him suggestions for the proposed survey and that Ms. Vanstone would continue discussing the matter with Park volunteer, Mr. Trent Boswick.

The Chair stated that he would contact Ms. Janet Kitz, honorary Committee member, to determine if she had a copy of the questions used in a previous survey. Mr. Rice offered to check with the Park archives if Ms. Kitz did not have this information.

Members agreed that Mr. Tilley would send them a draft survey format with questions in the next 24 hours and they would respond within a week of receiving it.

Mr. Rice informed the Committee that he had checked with Ms. Diana Wilmshurst, HRM Communications Officer, and she had stated that it would take approximately two weeks from receipt of the final survey format to post it on the HRM website. He added that Ms. Wilmshurst suggested the members look at the skating Oval survey as an example and also to consider how long the Committee would like their survey posted.

The Committee discussed whether the “flag-the-poop” project fit with the Park user survey. Members decided that the flag work needed to be underway quickly and finished by the end of April and therefore it should be organized separately from the survey. The Committee agreed that Mr. Tilley would contact Ms. Vanstone about following up with Mr. Boswick to obtain volunteer assistance with the project.

#### **4.2 Staff Updates**

Mr. Rice informed the Committee that the Mi’kmaq cultural kiosk had been installed and the forest theme kiosk would be completed within the next two weeks. He noted that he had no new information on the parking lot lighting but would look into this matter.

The Chair told members that Mr. Rudy Vodicka was unable to attend the meeting but had sent him an update on the progress with the Mi’kmaq Warrior Sculpture. The Vice Chair added that this was moving forward at the Council of Chiefs and that he, the Chair and Mr. Vodicka would continue to work on this item.

The Chair asked Mr. Rice about the status of the plans for a Visitor Centre. Mr. Rice responded that he would check with Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager of Real Property Planning, about large project funding and the Park budget overview for the next few years.

### **5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Response to Correspondence Received from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee**

The Chair informed members that a letter had been sent to the Chair of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) and that an invitation had been extended for an ATAC representative to attend an upcoming PPPAC meeting.

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

#### **6.1 Correspondence -- None**

#### **6.2 Petitions -- None**

#### **6.3 Presentations -- None**

### **7. REPORTS -- NONE**

8. **ADDED ITEMS**
9. **NEXT MEETING DATE – April 12, 2012**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair stated in closing that he would check with Councillor Uteck about the Shilling Ceremony. Mr. Tilley suggested that the Shilling Ceremony and the Mi'kmaq Warrior Sculpture be standing agenda items. The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort  
Legislative Assistant