

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

June 14, 2012

PRESENT:

Mr. Don Awalt, Vice Chair
Mr. Richard Tilley
Ms. Katrina Leckovic
Mr. Robert Apold
Ms. Nancy Vanstone

REGRETS:

Councillor Sue Uteck
Ms. Lisa Olie
Ms. Theresa Piorkowski
Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair
Mr. Geoff O'Connor

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 Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 10, 2012

Mr. Tilley requested the following amendment to item 8.2 as follows:

“Mr. Tilley informed the Committee that he had made a request to naval officials that organizers of the Battle of the Atlantic memorial clear the wreaths after two weeks and that, in the past, he has requested that they cordon off sections of heather during memorials to reduce damage to the plants.”

MOVED by Ms. Vanstone, seconded by Mr. Tilley that the minutes of May 10, 2012 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

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

The Committee approved the order of business as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STAFF UPDATES

4.1 Business Arising

4.1.1 Park User Survey

Mr. Tilley circulated copies of the draft survey questions.

The Committee reviewed the questions and provided feedback on wording.

Mr. Tilley clarified with staff that only propane barbeques are allowed in the Park and only in two areas and modified one question accordingly. He stated that he would incorporate the Committee’s suggestions by June 18, 2012 and provide the updated version of the short and long form surveys to Mr. Stephen Rice and Mr. Brian Phelan for their review.

Mr. Phelan noted that once the surveys are ready, staff will coordinate a “clipboard/clicker” survey of park users at main entrances, one clicker survey on a weekday and one during the weekend. Ms. Vanstone offered to do a volunteer shift for the survey if staff needed extra people.

4.1.2 Shilling Ceremony

As Mr. Morum was unable to be present, the Committee agreed to defer this item to the July 12, 2012 meeting.

4.2 Staff Updates

Mr. Phelan and Mr. Rice provided updates on the summer canteen operation, the knotweed control trial, an ongoing burdock control trial, and the removal of the fence in the lower level parking lot and the restoration of full parking capacity. They noted that a volunteer group called the Evergreen Foundation had assisted with wood chipping on Park paths. Mr. Rice informed the Committee that he had not received any further communication from Segway Nova Scotia.

Some Committee members expressed concern about Bluenose Marathon route marshals on bikes in the Park during the recent event. Staff clarified that they would not have given permission for bikes in the Park on a weekend and that they would look into this matter.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence -- None

6.2 Petitions -- None

6.3 Presentations -- None

7. REPORTS – NONE

8. ADDED ITEMS

The Committee entered into a general discussion on additional concerns and points of interest.

The Vice Chair updated the Committee on the unanimous vote of approval for the Mi'kmaq Warrior sculpture at the May 28, 2012 Council of Chiefs meeting. He added that a letter outlining this decision, and expressing appreciation for the support from the PPPAC, will be forthcoming to the Committee and also to Regional Council.

Ms. Vanstone noted that she and Mr. Trent Boswick had exchanged messages about the Park clean-up but she did not have details at this time.

Mr. Tilley requested that the minutes reflect his concern and the concern expressed to him by property owners adjacent to the Park that marijuana smoking in the Park, especially after dark, creates a fire hazard.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – July 12, 2012

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort
Legislative Assistant