



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 1, 2016**

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair
Ms. Helen Sinclair, Vice Chair
Ms. Ann Boswick
Ms. Paula Minnikin
Ms. Karen Ross
Mr. Malcolm Norton
Ms. Colleen Paschal
Councillor Waye Mason

REGRETS: Ms. Janice Wentzell
Mr. Timothy Boudreau
Ms. Dawn Vickers

STAFF: Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks
Mr. Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy and Planning, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Carolle Koziack Roberts, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Cailin MacDonald, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m., and adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 5, 2016

MOVED by Ms. Ross, seconded by Ms. Sinclair

THAT the minutes of May 5, 2016 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Moved by Ms. Minnikin, seconded by Ms. Ross

THAT the following items be added to the Committee's agenda:

10.1 Friends of Point Pleasant Park

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The agenda was approved as amended. The Committee agreed to move agenda item 10.1 Friends of Point Pleasant Park up in the agenda.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

The Committee requested background information related to item 10.2 Young Avenue Discussion and clarity around the Committee's mandate and processes at a future meeting. The Legislative Assistant recommended that a meeting be scheduled for the Committee and the Clerk's Office to review these matters and shared that she will follow up with Committee via email to determine an appropriate date.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Friends of Point Pleasant Park

Mr. Ian Taylor of Friends of Point Pleasant Park shared on behalf of the group an expression of interest to be involved in the progress and advancement of the Park. He shared that the group is also interested in knowing of some small, non-essential projects and needs of the Park, within the existing municipal framework, that the group could look to provide funding for. Mr. Taylor commented that the group is also interested in reviewing permissible documents related to the Park.

Councillor Mason commented that Friends of Point Pleasant Park could follow a similar collaborative model to the Friends of the Public Gardens when it comes to supporting projects in the Park and suggested that staff attend the next meeting to discuss this policy framework.

Councillor Mason further commented that an idea may be to host a public engagement session to discuss projects related to the Park of interest to stakeholders and the community.

The Committee agreed to forward relevant information and documents to Friends of Point Pleasant Park and extended an informal invitation for a representative to attend Committee meetings bi-monthly.

Ms. Minnikin agreed to work with Mr. Rice to formulate an email listing projects for consideration of funding from Friends of Point Pleasant Park by the end of October in advance of the next Committee meeting.

Members of Friends of Point Pleasant Park commented on the group's desire for greater sustainability and a scientific approach to planning for the Park as well as baseline monitoring.

Mr. Harvey shared brief comments on the implementation of the Point Pleasant Park Comprehensive Long Term Plan and the Information Report provided by staff. He suggested that Committee members review the report and provide input, outline priorities and request for greater detail on specific topics to staff. The Chair advised that the Committee review the report three to four weeks prior to the next Committee meeting and relay any questions to put to staff via email.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence – NONE

7.2 Petitions – NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Update from Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks West

Mr. Rice provided an update on maintenance of the Park. He commented that the lack of rain has contributed to limited need for road maintenance. Responding to a question about dredging of the pond, Mr. Rice commented that this is managed by the Department of Energy and Environment and that a water quality assessment of the pond had taken place in the past and that another request for assessment can be placed.

Mr. Rice commented on the park patrol pilot program and the police and security presence in the lower parking lot to ease crowd control and provide enforcement on Sundays. He provided an update on the communications activities that are being rolled out including updates to halifax.ca/pointpleasantpark and the issuing of a PSA.

In response to a question about rocks on Ogilvie, Mr. Rice commented that this is a challenge in this area due to deteriorating asphalt.

In response to a question about invasive roses, Mr. Rice commented that a staff report is scheduled to go to council in November.

In response to a question about stonework around the beach, Mr. Rice commented that rectifying this is part of next year's capital projects pending budget approvals.

In response to a question about Park telephones, Mr. Rice commented that all of the telephones are now in working order and have been marked for the 311 dispatch centre.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9.2.1 Shilling Ceremony

Ms. Boswick provided an update to the Committee. She shared that this event will be considered for June or September 2017 due to difficulties coordinating the schedules of the Mayor and Lieutenant Governor.

9.2.2 PPP Comprehensive Long Term Plan and By-law Review

Item 9.2.2 was discussed earlier in the meeting see pages 2 and 3 for details.

9.2.3 Communications

Ms. Minnikin recommended that for next year, the Committee look to plan a public springtime event as the municipality's planned event did not move forward this year. She further shared concerns of individuals removing plants from the park and the need for clear pictorial signage or signage in multiple languages. Councillor Mason commented that the Office of Diversity of Inclusion may be able to help support recurring issue. Mr. Rice commented that he will discuss this matter with Corporate Communications.

9.2.4 Yearly Priorities

Councillor Mason questioned whether the municipality was planning to armor the shoreline within the Park and other decisions related to its shoreline. He recommended encouraging Halifax and West Community Council and staff to have an active discussion about this matter.

The Committee agreed to go on a walk of the Park at their next meeting date.

10. ADDED ITEMS

10.1 Friends of Point Pleasant Park

Item 10.1 was discussed earlier in the meeting see pages 2 and 3 for details.

11. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 3, 2016

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Cailin MacDonald
Legislative Support