



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
November 3, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Ms. Helen Sinclair, Vice Chair  
Ms. Ann Boswick  
Ms. Paula Minnikin  
Ms. Colleen Paschal  
Councillor Waye Mason  
Ms. Janice Wentzel  
Mr. Timothy Boudreau  
Ms. Dawn Vickers

**REGRETS:** Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair  
Ms. Karen Ross  
Mr. Malcolm Norton

**STAFF:** Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks  
Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Deputy Clerk  
Ms. Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant  
Ms. Cailin MacDonald, Legislative Support

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*The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m., and adjourned at 5:45 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 1, 2016**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Ms. Paschal

**THAT the minutes of September 1, 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. Paschal

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**Two-third majority vote required.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Discussion with Deputy Municipal Clerk, Ms. Sherryll Murphy re: Committee Mandate and Procedures**

Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Deputy Clerk, provided clarification regarding the Committee's mandate and terms of reference in relation to Point Pleasant Park and not Young Avenue. Ms. Murphy commented that there were motions at Community Council and Regional Council considering Young Avenue. She further noted that individually, Committee members are welcome to contribute their voices to those discussions. Ms. Murphy shared that the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee considers matters within the confines of the Park and that there are other councils and committees in place, like the Heritage Advisory Committee, to consider matters of heritage preservation.

Ms. Minnikin commented that from a historical perspective, the gates on Young Avenue belong to the Park. She further commented that Young Avenue, as the main approach to the Park and part of its surroundings, are closely linked and should be of consideration within the Committee's mandate. Ms. Minnikin shared her dissent to the motion being ruled out of order.

Ms. Boswick echoed Ms. Minnikin's concerns. She further referenced the Committee's terms of reference as well as the *Options to protect the character and form of Young Avenue, Halifax*, Council Report dated October 4, 2016 (copies were provided to Committee members). Ms. Boswick summarized the Background section of the Report which described the historical significance of Young Avenue as a grand boulevard connecting Point Pleasant Park to the Public Gardens. She expressed her concern with considering matters of the Park and Young Avenue in isolation.

The Vice Chair and Mr. Boudreau recognized the limitations of the Committee based on the governing structure and supported individuals joining other groups in support of this cause.

Ms. Minnikin commented that she believes that the Committee has a stronger voice as a collective and that it should not have been silenced on this issue given their judiciary duty to the Park.

Ms. Murphy commented that if the Committee would like Young Avenue to be part of their mandate, the Committee is able to make this recommendation to Halifax and West Community Council for consideration. Ms. Murphy further commented that the Committee is welcome to send a letter of support on any matters affecting the Park to the Halifax and West Community Council.

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**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 Proposed 2017 Meeting Schedule**

MOVED by Ms. Wentzell, seconded by Ms. Boswick

**THAT the meeting schedule for 2017 be accepted as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Mr. Rice provided an update on maintenance of the Park. He commented that winter maintenance is underway.

In response to a question about the restoration of the roof of the Tower, Mr. Rice commented that the federal government is funding and managing this project and that historical photos show that the roof was originally made of wood.

Mr. Rice shared that the invasive multiflora rose report is scheduled to be on the Halifax and West Community Council's upcoming agenda.

In response to a question about current coastal stonework, Mr. Rice commented that a set of stairs were in disrepair and emergency funding was sourced to repair it before winter.

Mr. Rice commented that the park patrol pilot project and increased security presence has wrapped for this year. He shared that it was successful in dissuading misconduct and that they hope to run a similar program next year.

In response to a question about events happening in the park, Mr. Rice commented that he receives a list of facility bookings each month and that he can promote the main ones on social media.

In response to preventing damage to some of the benches during snow removal, Mr. Rice commented that staff is considering removing them seasonally and can also consider using snow markers.

**9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**9.2.1 Shilling Ceremony**

Ms. Boswick shared that the planning sub-committee met and discussed hosting the Shilling Ceremony on a weekend in June (17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>). She commented that once a date is selected next steps include sending invitations to the Mayor's Office and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; as well as connecting with staff in Civic Events on planning and Mr. Rice on where best to host the event within the Park. Ms. Minnikin suggested that the Committee host a future meeting at the Tower. Mr. Boudreau and Ms. Vickers volunteered to be part of the planning sub-committee.

#### **9.2.2 PPP Comprehensive Long Term Plan and By-law Review**

The Committee suggested that Mr. Richard Harvey be invited to the next Committee meeting to provide an update.

#### **9.2.3 Communications**

Ms. Minnikin shared that she met with the volunteers of Friends of Point Pleasant Park to discuss projects for consideration of potential funding which led to further questions around governance and structure of the Committee and the need for an annual plan. Ms. Minnikin shared these concerns with the Chair for consideration at January's meeting.

#### **9.2.4 Yearly Priorities**

Ms. Minnikin commented that she has suggested to the Chair that the Committee look at the Park's annual priorities, in partnership with staff, in a more structured way to bring focus and meaning to short-term and long-term planning. She further commented that a way to achieve this may be to discuss various themes at each meeting.

Ms. Minnikin commented on the need for the Committee to address governance issues and appointments to the Committee so that volunteers are representative of the skills, attributes and competencies based on the needs of the Park.

The Committee expressed concerns of individuals removing plants from the Park and the need for clear pictorial signage or signage in multiple languages. It was suggested that Mr. Boudreau draft an educational piece about the importance of not removing plants/roots from the Park and the negative ecological impacts this practice causes. Mr. Boudreau will share this letter with Mr. Rice. Mr. Rice will work with Corporate Communications to help disseminate this information to the public.

#### **10. ADDED ITEMS**

#### **11. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE**

#### **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 5, 2016**

#### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Cailin MacDonald  
Legislative Support