

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2010

PRESENT: Ms. Gerrie Masters (Chair)
Mr. Duncan Morum (Vice Chair)
Mr. Phillip Read
Mr. Don Awalt
Ms. Lisa Olie
Mr. Bernard Badley
Mr. Harold Norve
Ms Janet Kitz, Honorary Member

REGRETS: Mr. Douglas Keefe
Ms. Kate Green

STAFF: Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager of Real Property Planning
Mr. Brian Whelan, Supervisor of Parks and Open Spaces
Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks
Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

- **Election of the Chair and Vice Chair**

Ms. Gerrie Masters, Chair, advised the Committee that she was resigning as Chair. She advised that she has recently accepted a large governance project outside of HRM which will make it impossible for her to carry on the duties of the Chair.

The Committee commented that she would be missed as Chair, however wished her well in her new endeavours.

MOVED by Ms. Gerrie Masters, seconded by Ms. Lisa Olie that Mr. Duncan Morum be nominated as Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for any further nominations. Having heard no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

The meeting was turned over to the Chair, Mr. Duncan Morum.

MOVED by Mr. Duncan Morum, seconded by Ms. Gerrie Masters that Mr. Don Awalt be nominated as Vice Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

The Chair called three times for any further nominations. Having heard no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

Mr. Don Awalt was elected Vice Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

The Committee had a brief discussion regarding the Terms of Reference and in particular the quorum requirement. Note was made that efforts should be made to determine whether a reduction in quorum is possible.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 10, 2009

MOVED by Ms. Gerrie Masters, seconded by Mr. Bernard Badley, that the minutes of December 10, 2009 are approved as distributed. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

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

Additions: 8.1 Port of Halifax Update

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES / STAFF UPDATES

4.1 Point Pleasant Park Foundation - Phil Read

Mr. Read indicated that he had requested that this item be added to the agenda to inquire on the status of the foundation. He had understood that the necessary paperwork for the start up of a foundation had been completed and within that foundation there were \$400,000.00 in available funds. Staff advised the Committee that there was no paper work started and the \$400,000.00 was designated for the fortification of the park.

Discussion ensued noting the following:

- any necessary funds would need to be raised
- residents would be more willing to contribute to a project if they can see the connection between their money and the project as opposed to a foundation

It was noted by the Committee that Mr. John Kitz has been quite successful with fund raising in the past and is a avid stakeholder in the park. It was suggested that the Committee approach him to invite him to Chair the foundation

Discussion continued:

- an analysis could be commissioned by HRM to see if this would be a favourable time to solicit funds for the park and how much funds would be needed to leverage more funds should they be needed
- the public needs to know what the park is in need of
- HRM and other levels of governments could be approached to see if they would consider matching any monies that the foundation would raise.

Mr. Bigelow advised the Committee that work would begin on the Park in the late spring. It was suggested coordinating a press release to happen at the same time as the work begins.

The Committee requested that Ms. Janet Kitz approach Mr. John Kitz to see if he would be interested in becoming the Chair of the proposed foundation. The Committee will be updated at the next meeting.

4.2 Federal Funding Priority Projects Update

Mr. Bigelow gave a brief update on what has been occurring within the park. He noted that work is moving forward in a timely manner. The Design phase of the Stimulus Funds Project is next to happen. Selective cutting will be carried out on the fortification area of the Cambridge Battery with more heavier cutting being carried out at the North West Arm Battery.

When asked about the possible damage to the young trees caused by the recent storms, Mr. Bigelow replied that staff would need to wait until Spring to be able to assess the damage. He noted though that the young trees have built some tolerance to the weather. Damage to the trees caused by the salt water waves would be mitigated by the trees being planted in salty bogs making them more tolerable. Mr. Bigelow noted that the damage from the storm that occurred two weeks ago appears much worse than it actually is. The fetch of the storm was different than most storms. The tide and winds experienced during this storm categorized it as 200-year storm (happening once every 200 years)

4.3 NPSI Above Ground Wires Update

Mr. Morum declared a possible conflict of interest and removed himself from the discussion.

Mr. Bigelow advised that it was conveyed to HRM Right-a-Way staff that this Committee did not want to see above ground wires on Point Pleasant Park Drive especially on the park side of the street. Staff will relay this in to NPSI.

4.4 Filming in the Park Update - Colleen Connolly Update

Mr. Bigelow, on behalf of Ms. Connolly, advised that filming is still occurring. The filming crew have been made aware of the construction that will be carried out in the area.

In response to a question regarding the revenue received for the right to film in the park, Mr. Bigelow advised that very little is charged. Corporately, staff are to support the filming industry. Often times, gifts are received and they are incorporated into the Gifts Through Parks program.

4.5 Volunteers in the Park (VIP) Program Update - Duncan Morum

- A draft copy of the terms of reference for the Volunteers in the Park (VIP) Program Update was before the Committee

Mr. Duncan Morum reviewed the draft with the Committee noting the following changes:

- Introductions - delete last sentence from, "and is subject . . . " to the end of the paragraph
- Change the heading "Objectives" to "Roles"
- In the first sentence of "roles", the acronym should be VIPCC
- In the same paragraph delete the word administrative and change the word "wish" to "agree"
- in the 6th bullet, delete the words, "for staff" to the end of the paragraph

Mr. Morum will make the necessary changes and forward it to the Legislative Assistant.

4.6 Shilling Ceremony - Initial Planning

Discussion ensued with the Committee agreeing that if there were to be a Shilling ceremony, planning needs to be commenced immediately. Mr. Morum agreed to draft a letter to the Mayor's office with the aid of Ms. Janet Kitz to coordinate the ceremony with the Mayor's office. The Committee suggested that orchestrating the ceremony with either the Queen's visit to Halifax or with the Navy's anniversary ceremonies would be fitting.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Presentation: Halifax BioKit - Shaun Heffernan

This matter was deferred to the next meeting, February 11, 2010.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

6.2 Petitions

6.3 Presentations

7. REPORTS

7.1 Meeting Dates for 2010

- A list of proposed meeting dates was before the Committee

The Committee adopted the proposed meeting dates with the exception of the August date. The Committee will not be meeting in August.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Port of Halifax Update

The Legislative Assistant advised the group that she had received a phone call from Ms. Lizzie Dodds, Community Relations, Port of Halifax. Ms. Dodds advised that the equipment will be arriving this week with work to commence January 18, 2010. The site of this project is the Halterm Jetty directly across from Black Rock Beach. She further advised that should the Committee desire updates as the work progresses she would be more than willing to provide the updates.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be February 11, 2010.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant