

POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

January 9, 2014

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair  
Mr. Don Awalt, Vice Chair  
Ms. Nancy Vanstone  
Mr. Peter Duinker  
Ms. Annette Hartt  
Mr. Will Gregory

REGRETS: Ms. Lisa Ollie  
Councillor Wayne Mason  
Ms. Helen Sinclair  
Ms. Paula Minniken  
Mr. Aaron Windsor

STAFF: Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks  
Mr. Darcy Warren, Legislative Support

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 in the Office and Maintenance Building, Point Pleasant Park.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 5, 2013**

The Committee noted the following changes for the December 5, 2013 minutes:

- Page 4; Paragraph 3 should read as: “Mr. Awalt expressed concern that the park is often referred to as a dog park and this perception has to change. He also noted that other park services were not being utilized due to this perception.”
- Page 4; Paragraph 6, “The following 5 recommendations will be included in the letter as presented in a report to Regional Council.”
- Page 4; Paragraph 6, Last line should read as, “The Committee would like to have an annual survey and to have a positive working relationship with the Off Leash Committee.

**MOVED by Ms. Vanstone, seconded by Mr. Awalt that the minutes be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**MOVED by Mr. Awalt, seconded by Ms. Hartt, that the Order of Business be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**4.1 Update from Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks**

Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks, presented an update to the Committee. He noted that regular maintenance continues and clean up continues from the previous storms. He informed the Committee that a big run will be taking place in the park on Sunday January 12, 2014.

**4.2 Update from John Simmons, Acting Superintendent of Parks**

No update at this time.

Mr. Rice informed the Committee that internal changes are taking place within the park system. He stated that Mr. Simmons is hoping to attend the next meeting and will update the Committee at that time.

#### **4.3 Terms of Reference and appropriate next steps**

The Committee entered into discussion on the Terms of Reference for Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee. It was decided that members review the Terms of Reference and to bring any suggestions back at the next meeting.

The Committee expressed concerns on the issue of reporting, such as a Standing Committee or Community Council. It was decided that this be deferred until Councillor Mason is able to attend the next meeting.

#### **5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None**

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - None**

#### **7. REPORTS - None**

#### **8. ADDED ITEMS**

##### **8.1 Programs of the Year Progress Review of Yearly Priorities**

- Shilling Ceremony
- Long Term Plan and By-Law Review
- Reinstating Park Volunteers
- Review of Dog Park on leash/ off leash
- Mi'kmaq War Memorial
- Other

**Shilling Ceremony** – No update at this time. The Chair informed the Committee that Mr. Windsor has work commitments on Thursdays for the next few months. The Chair requested to ask the Clerk's Office if it would be possible to have conference call meetings to enable those with other commitments to participate in the meeting. The Legislative Support will forward this request to the Clerk's Office.

**Long Term Plan and By-Law Review** – Discussion ensued on the 5 year plan review. The Committee expressed concerns over the timing of the review and when it will be taking place.

**MOVED by Mr. Duinker, seconded by Ms. Hartt that Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee recommend a member of the Committee be appointed to the Review Committee, once the review process begins. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**Reinstating Park Volunteers** – Mr. Rice informed the Committee that Volunteers require supervision and training from HRM Staff. He indicated that a staff coordinator was assigned to this and has since been reassigned. Mr. Rice indicated that he would send an e-mail to inquire if a replacement has been assigned to the reinstatement of Park Volunteers and report back at the next meeting.

**Review of Dog Park – on leash/off leash** – No update at this time. The Committee expressed that they would like to have a positive working relationship with the Off Leash Committee.

**Mi'kmaq Warrior Memorial** – Mr. Awalt informed the Committee that the design and location has been approved by the Chiefs and that \$100,000.00 is ear marked for the project. Mr. Awalt stated that he would contact Mr. Simmons in regards to the start date and financing.

**Other – Enforcement of By-Law compliance** - Mr. Rice noted that enforcement is taking place. He also noted that staffing is a main issue with enforcement of the By-Laws in the Park.

## **8.2 Trail Cleaning and Grooming**

The Chair questioned Mr. Rice if it would be possible to clear one side of the broad trails and leave the other side as a ski trail. Mr. Rice responded that two years ago a straight line was plowed in the middle of the trails only to find that when the snow melted or if it rained the roads would wash out and the trails would have to be repaired. Mr. Rice noted that many of the roads and trails in the park need major work done. He informed the Committee that Maple and Tower Hill to the Arm are not plowed to allow for cross country skiing.

The Chair questioned if there is a map with routes and if they are posted on the website, if not would it be possible for the Committee to plan routes and the post on-line. Mr. Rice responded that he would map a route and present it to the Committee for discussion at the next meeting. If the Committee approves the map then it would be posted on line for the public.

## **9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

## **10. NEXT MEETING – February 6, 2014**

The next regular meeting will be held on February 6, 2014 in the Office and Maintenance Building, Point Pleasant Park.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Darcy Warren  
Legislative Assistant