



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 7, 2015**

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair
Councillor Wayne Mason
Ms. Helen Sinclair
Mr. Malcolm Norton

REGRETS: Ms. Sarah Estrin

STAFF: Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks
Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager Park Planning, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Phoebe Smith, Legislative Assistant
Mr. Darcy Warren, Legislative Support

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Mr. Warren, Legislative Support, assumed the Chair for the election of Chair. Mr. Warren called for nominations for the position of Chair.

MOVED by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Councillor Mason that Mr. Morum be nominated as Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. Warren called three more times for any further nominations, there being none Mr. Morum was declared Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee. Mr. Morum assumed the Chair.

The Chair called for nominations for Vice Chair.

MOVED BY Mr. Morum, seconded by Mr. Norton that Ms. Sinclair be nominated as Vice Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair called three more times for nominations, there being none Ms. Sinclair was declared Vice Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 8, 2015

MOVED by Ms. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. Morum that the minutes of January 8, 2015 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Ms. Sinclair that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

7. REPORTS

7.1 STAFF

7.1.1 Update from Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks

Mr. Rice informed the Committee that Point Pleasant Park and all major parks have been incorporated into one Business Unit, Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Rice stated that winter damage was minimal and the roads are in a state of good repair. Students have been hired for the summer and they will begin working on May 25, 2015. Crews will be working seven days a week, picking up litter and making repairs to any damages.

Mr. Rice informed the Committee that \$75,000.00 has been set aside from the Capital Budget for the lower parking lot and sea wall repair.

Mr. Bigelow informed the Committee that Sailor's Memorial Way has been designated a National Historical Site, designating the Battle of the Atlantic. A granite boulder memorial will be installed at the site. He also stated that this is included in the Point Pleasant Park Comprehensive Long Term Plan.

Mr. Bigelow informed the Members that there is a policy on naming of benches, art work, gardens, etc.; this policy is designed to follow the guidelines set out in the Comprehensive Plan. This policy is not a separate policy for Point Pleasant Park, but all parks within Halifax Regional Municipality.

7.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

7.2.1 Shilling Ceremony

Ms. Sinclair stated that she would like to have the Shilling Ceremony in September 2015. After a short discussion it was decided that more time would be needed to prepare a large event. Councillor Mason suggested that the Committee consider having the Shilling Ceremony at a Regional Council meeting in the fall of 2015. The Committee agreed to discuss this further at the next regular meeting.

7.2.2 PPP Comprehensive Long Term Plan and By – law Review

Mr. Bigelow informed the Committee that a review is currently underway and that a first draft report will be completed in the very near future. He stated that the report would be circulated to the Committee once completed.

7.2.3 Park Survey

The following was before the Committee: Point Pleasant Park – Park Survey Solutions

Ms. Sinclair stated that there are not enough patrols in the park and something should be done so that users know that the park is being patrolled and if there are issues, users can go directly to a patrol officer. Mr. Bigelow responded that patrols will be increased in all parks. He suggested that the Committee contact Robin Sherwood to speak to the Committee on Park Patrols in Halifax Regional Municipality. The Committee agreed to have Robin Sherwood speak at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Norton questioned the off leash signage within the park. He stated that there are too many and that they are very confusing. Ms. Sinclair also noted that the signage within the park is not effective. Mr. Bigelow responded that signage is being reviewed and reducing the number of signs within the park is also being reviewed.

Councillor Mason left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

7.2.4 Mi'kmaq Warrior Memorial

Mr. Bigelow informed the Committee that there is no funding in the budget for this project and that it is not listed in the priorities plan. He also stated that there is a process to be followed and work is on-going to help facilitate a better working relationship between the Province, Halifax Regional Municipality and the Assembly of Chiefs.

7.2.5 Communications

The Committee agreed that using the Point Pleasant Park Facebook page as a way of communicating with the public to inform them of activities and news.

7.2.6 Yearly Priorities

Mr. Bigelow informed the Members that a 10 year strategy is under way to have more relevant uses in all parks within the Halifax Green Network Plan. He stated that work is being done to reduce the number of parks and to enhance other existing parks.

Ms. Sinclair questioned if there are plans to install a new playground in the park. Mr. Bigelow responded that this is being worked on. He stated that a pilot playground in a natural setting would take place first before installation of a permanent playground is installed.

The Committee agreed to have Winter Park Usage as Item 7.2.7 on the next agenda.

Mr. Norton requested that Members take time to consider yearly priorities and bring them back at the next meeting. The Committee agreed.

8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 9, 2015

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday July 9, 2015 in the Office and Maintenance Building, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Darcy Warren
Legislative Support