

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 12, 2008
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mr. Allan Robertson, Chair
Mr. Paul Doane
Ms. Anne West
Ms. Gerrie Masters
Mr. Duncan Morum
Mr. Phillip Read
Ms. Leanne Chisholm

ABSENT: Mr. Vivek Tomar
Mr. Harald Norve (with regrets)
Ms. Kate Greene (with regrets)
Councillor Sue Uteck (with regrets)

STAFF: Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks
Mr. Brian Phelan, Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces
Mr. Stewart MacMillan, Landscape Architect, Infrastructure & Asset Management
Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Infrastructure & Asset Management
Ms. Sandra T. Riley, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Mr. Allan Robertson, called the meeting to order at 4:20 pm.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - May 08, 2008

MOVED by Ms. Master, seconded by Mr. Morum, that the minutes of May 08, 2008 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

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

Additions:

- 7.1 Black Rock Beach. - Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks
- 7.2 Quinpool Cruise - Mr. Brian Phelan, Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces

MOVED BY Ms. Masters, seconded by Mr. Morum, that the order of business be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

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

The Chair advised that there is an outstanding motion regarding the off leash area cleanliness monitoring by Staff. Staff will come back to the Committee and advise them on the results after the one month period has ended, just before the public meetings. Mr. Phelan advised that there are five additional parks added into the offleash areas.

Ms. Masters advised that, even though there has been advertisements, people are still not sure as to the meanings of the flags. She stated that there are communication concerns.

The Chair advised the Committee that today would be Ms. Leanne Chisholm's last meeting as she will be living permanently in the Valley, where she has employment as the Municipal Planner for the County. The Committee thanked Ms. Chisholm for her contribution to the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee and wished her well in her future endeavours. The Chair advised that the Committee should find a replacement in the same age group as Ms. Chisholm (appointed by Council) in order to keep that perspective. Ms. Chisholm suggested advertising in different venues to attract university students.

Ms. Masters enquired as to where the Mi'kmaq report is that was to be brought back to the Committee two weeks ago. She was advised that this concern will be addressed upon the arrival of Mr. Stewart MacMillan.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - None

6. REPORTS

6.1 POINT PLEASANT PARK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (PRESENTATION)

This item and Item 6.2 were presented together by Mr. Stewart MacMillan, Landscape Architect, Infrastructure & Asset Management to the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee. Refer to item 6.2.

6.2 REVIEW OF THE PPP MASTER PLAN AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr. MacMillan advised the PPPAC that the main report would be going for public review shortly. He stated that the Executive Summary is not ready as a 'stand alone' document as of yet, and will be produced over the next Friday and Monday. He advised that it was included in the comprehensive plan as a section that will be organized in such a way to form a stand alone document, which will consist of approximately 23 - 26 pages. He advised that full versions will be printed and produced next week and sent to the libraries for cataloguing and distribution. A digital version has already been produced and can be posted at any time, probably by Thursday, June 19 - in advance of the open house tentative for June 25, 2008.

Mr. Robertson expressed concern with public reaction to a one-day public session for a Master Plan that will have such large sums of money involved. He suggested that a two-day session would be in order. Mr. MacMillan advised that this suggestion would be taken into consideration and discussed with Mr. Bigelow.

Ms. Chisholm expressed concerns about how the Open House would be advertised, stating that more time should have been allotted to do so. Mr. MacMillan advised that there has been a certain level of awareness of the event through the website and Staff would be accessing print media websites, and radio is being considered, as well.

In response to an enquiry from Ms. Masters, Mr. MacMillan advised that each library (15 branches) would receive a hard copy. Ms. Masters advised that this is not a lot of access to such a large document of 300 pages. The Committee members advised that they would like to have their own individual copies of the document for study/perusal. After further discussion,

it was agreed that, for economic considerations, the Committee would receive black and white copies of the document, while the libraries will carry at least one colour copy.

Further discussion ensued and Mr. MacMillan responded to concerns for clarification from the Committee regarding:

- Covers and binding of the Master Plan document
- Proper distribution/release of the documents for public consideration (media)
- The role that PPPAC will play
- Consultants (Montreal and Dartmouth teams), the archeologist, the engineer, and HRM Staff (their roles)
- Name tags for Staff and Committee members
- Followup on public comments and questions/answers
- Events calendar, contact page, and other features of PPPAC website.

Mr. Peter Bigelow arrived at the meeting at 5:15 pm, at which time he advised the Committee that the Mi'kmaq 1st Nation will be having a 200 hundred person 'pow-wow' in Point Pleasant Park on Saturday.

Mr. Bigelow responded to Ms. Master's earlier enquiry of the Mi'kmaq report, stating that the report is not yet ready.

8. ADDED ITEMS

7.1 Black Rock Beach - Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks

Mr. Rice advised that the Harbour Solutions Project is in full swing and that the Water Treatment Facility is running, and with ongoing water treatment tests, it has been deemed that the water is safe for swimming. An independent lab was hired by CBC and have found the same conclusion that the water is at safe swimming levels. He advised that the levels chemicals/contaminants are significantly lower than before. He stated that as of Natal Day, August 02, the beach will be reopened for the public. He advised that the beach will be scoured, sand will be added to the upper levels, divers will check for glass on the bottom, and buoys will be put out for safety; it will be a supervised beach.

7.2 Quinpool Cruise - Mr. Brian Phelan, Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces

Mr. Phelan advised that Quinpool Road would be having their annual Quinpool Cruise on Friday, July 18, 2008 (rain day - Sunday, July 20th). The cruise includes a 'loop' down through

the lower parking lot of Point Pleasant Park, as a result, Park Patrol will have to be instructed to lock up a little later that evening. It is anticipated that Mayor, Peter Kelly, will have a vintage car there.

7.3 Update on the Ice Cream Concession for the Park

Mr. Robertson advised that the vendor (Pinky Skoopmore's Ice Cream) had expressed a desire to meet with the PPPAC, so he met with the representative and discovered that his plans are consistent with those of Point Pleasant Park's concerns.

Mr. Stewart MacMillan, Landscape Architect, arrived at 4:35 pm.

Mr. Robertson advised that the issue is with signage at this point; they are not consistent with the Park signage. It was suggested that the signs would be more appropriate if the colours were changed. Mr. Robertson advised the vendor to contact the appropriate people at HRM to handle the concern. Mr. MacMillan advised that he was not contacted in this regard. Mr. Robertson further advised that the vendor will present to the Committee in the next meeting of July 10, 2008.

8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Point Pleasant Park AC is scheduled for July 10, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lodge in Point Pleasant Park.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25p.m.

Sandra T. Riley
Legislative Assistant