POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES February 11, 2010

PRESENT:

Mr. Duncan Morum (Chair) Mr. Don Awalt (Vice Chair)

Mr. Philip Read Ms. Lisa Olie

Mr. Bernard Badley Mr. Harold Norve Ms. Kate Green

Councillor Sue Uteck

HONORARY MEMBER: Ms. Janet Kitz

Absent: Mr. Stephen Rice (regrets)

STAFF: Mr.John Charles, Planner, Real Property

Mr. Brian Phelan, Supervisor of Parks and Open Spaces

Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Deputy Clerk

Ms. Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 14, 2010

Ms. Olie noted that the Committee's discussion about quorum was not reflected in the minutes. Mr. Morum agreed and added that the discussion of the terms of reference was not in the minutes. He stated that there had been a meeting at City Hall to discuss the terms of reference, that the existing administrative order does not permit voting by phone. There was general agreement by the Committee members to continue to press this issue and to clearly lay out duties for new Committee members.

MOVED by Mr. Bernard Badley, seconded by Mr. Harold Norve, that the minutes of January 14, 2010 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

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

Mr. Morum stated that Mr. Douglas Keefe had resigned and that he would send Mr. Keefe a response thanking him for his work.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES / STAFF UPDATES

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

Mr. Morum stated he was preparing this update.

4.2 Shilling Ceremony

Ms. Sherryll Murphy, Deputy Clerk, stated that the Mayor's Office was reviewing this item and she would advise the Committee members of the status as soon as she had the information. Ms. Olie stated that the ceremony was prominent on the Bengal Lancers website as they were proud to be part of the ceremony. Mr. Morum stated the Committee would ensure the Lancers were also kept informed on this item.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

No deferred business.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

The Committee discussed the request from Mr. John Woodroffe regarding a donation and memorial plaque on a bench. Mr. Morum referred to the section on markers and memorials in the Comprehensive Plan for Point Pleasant Park document and stated that the Committee has no rules yet on this issue. The Committee requested input on policy from Mr. Peter Bigelow so that fundraising can begin. Mr. Phelan stated that Point Pleasant Park and the Public Gardens were excluded from the gifts for parks program and that park staff are concerned that there not be a hodgepodge of styles. Ms. Olie and Ms. Kitz mentioned the possibility of short term memorials. Councillor Uteck stated she would obtain an update on the issue of memorials from Mr. Andrew Whittemore, Manager, Community Development. Mr. Morum stated he would send a Committee response to Ms. Sherryll Murphy to forward to Mr. Woodruffe.

Mr. Awalt stated that the Mi'kmaq community wants to see a monument to Mi'kmaq warriors in the Park.

The Committee also discussed the request from Mr. Ken Hollingum regarding donating seedlings. Mr. Phelan stated that Park staff obtain their own seedlings as they have to be very careful about the mix. He stated 100,000 seedlings have been planted and that school grounds or other sites may be more appropriate for this donation. There was general agreement that the Committee wants to encourage the principle of such donations. Mr. Morum stated that he would work with Mr. Bigelow on a response to Mr. Hollingum.

6.2 Petitions

None.

6.3 Presentations

None.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Staff Update

Mr. John Charles, Planner, Real Property, stated that he had been contacted by Mr. Allen Robinson about shore maintenance. Mr. Charles stated that there was no harm in

pushing rocks back into the water but it does not restore the beach so it is a question of aesthetics. Mr. Charles agreed that he would draft a response for Mr. Morum to send to Mr. Robinson.

8. ADDED ITEMS

None.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be March 11, 2010.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort Legislative Assistant