

POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

July 12, 2012

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair
Mr. Don Awalt, Vice Chair
Mr. Richard Tilley
Ms. Lisa Olie
Ms. Theresa Piorkowski
Ms. Katrina Leckovic

REGRETS: Councillor Sue Uteck
Mr. Geoff O'Connor
Mr. Robert Apold
Ms. Nancy Vanstone

STAFF: Mr. Brian Phelan, Supervisor of Parks and Open Spaces
Ms. Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 14, 2012

Mr. Tilley requested that the word “especially” be added to the final sentence of item 8 as follows “...smoking in the Park especially after dark created a fire hazard.”

MOVED by Mr. Tilley, seconded by Ms. Olie that the minutes of June 14, 2012 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The Committee agreed to the order of business as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STAFF UPDATES

4.1 Business Arising

4.1.1 Park User Survey

Mr. Tilley informed the Committee that all survey materials have been sent to HRM Communications staff. He requested that staff let Committee members know when the survey is up and on the HRM website. He also requested that staff inform members of the date or dates of the clicker survey to be carried out by summer students as some members may be available to assist.

Mr. Phelan added that he had been informed by HRM Communications staff that the survey was slightly modified for formatting purposes and would be on the website as soon as possible.

4.1.2 Shilling Ceremony

The Chair noted that he had not heard any further details about the ceremony from Councillor Uteck or HRM staff and that he would follow up on this matter. Mr. Tilley requested that staff inform Committee members of the date of the ceremony.

4.1.3 Segways

The Chair stated that Mr. Max Rastelli, owner of Segway Nova Scotia, had sent him a follow up e-mail after the May 10, 2012 PPPAC meeting but the e-mail contained no additional information. Committee members confirmed that they were cautiously in favour of a trial project for Segway tours. Members emphasized, however, that they had

concerns about ticket-selling on Park property, including the parking lots, and that the parking lots were not suitable for the Segway training.

Mr. Phelan clarified that the matter was currently before HRM staff, that Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks, had approved a possible route for the Segway tours but that Park staff also had concerns about the precedent of unsolicited business proposals. He added that the parking lots were too crowded for Segway training. He noted that the proposal was for a trial project and it would be evaluated as such.

4.2 Staff Updates

Mr. Phelan informed the Committee that an audio tour of the Park was available; the link is on the Park website and can be played on smart phones. He added that CBC did a story on the audio tour.

He updated the Committee on the Park kiosks, noted that staff would meet with Parks Canada representatives on July 13, 2012 to finalize details for the Martello Tower kiosk. He added that the Hurricane Juan kiosk would also be completed very soon.

In response to a question from Ms. Olie, Mr. Phelan confirmed that the lighting standards in the Tower Road parking lot were now working.

He noted that staff have responded to the concerns raised by Mr. David Patriquin about invasive Rosa multiflora plants in the Park. He stated that the plants have been located, the roots will be dug out and staff will monitor this matter.

The Chair requested that Mr. Phelan respond to Mr. Patriquin's letter of July 6, 2012, adding that he would also send Mr. Patriquin a brief note by e-mail.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 Suggestion re: Invasive Plant – Mr. David Patriquin. July 6, 2012

This item was dealt with under item 4.2, see page 4.

6.2 Petitions – None

6.3 Presentations -- None

7. REPORTS -- NONE

8. ADDED ITEMS -- NONE

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – September 13, 2012

Committee members agreed they would not hold a meeting in August 2012.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort
Legislative Assistant