

POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

December 13, 2012

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair
Mr. Don Awalt, Vice Chair
Mr. Richard Tilley
Ms. Lisa Olie
Mr. Robert Apold
Ms. Nancy Vanstone
Councillor Waye Mason

REGRETS: Ms. Theresa Piorkowski
Ms. Katrina Leckovic
Mr. Geoff O'Connor
Mr. Brian Phelan, Supervisor of Parks and Open Spaces

STAFF: Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks
Ms. Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

As the Chair had sent a message that he had a schedule conflict and would arrive later, the Vice Chair assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 8, 2012

MOVED by Mr. Tilley, seconded by Ms. Vanstone that the minutes of November 8, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The Committee agreed that the Order of Business be approved as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STAFF UPDATES

4.1 Business Arising

4.1.1 Validity of Signs and Enforcement

Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks, informed the Committee that he and Mr. Brian Phelan, Supervisor of Parks and Open Spaces, recently did a walk-through of the Park based on the Committee's feedback on signs. Mr. Rice stated that several signs will be replaced or updated and that he has been in touch with the HRM sign shop about these changes. Ms. Vanstone requested that this matter return to the Committee as an agenda item for the January meeting.

4.1.2 Mi'kmaq Warrior Sculpture

Mr. Morum entered the meeting at 4:45 p.m. and assumed the Chair.

Mr. Awalt informed the Committee that he had been forwarded a copy of a letter from Ms. Janice Maloney, Executive Director, Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office [KMKNO] to Mrs. Glode-Desrochers, Executive Director, Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre. Mr. Awalt handed the letter to the Chair who read it to the Committee members. The letter confirmed a resolution by the Assembly of Nova Scotia Chiefs to support the concept of a Mi'kmaq Heritage Interpretative Area within Point Pleasant Park.

The Committee agreed to invite Mrs. Glode-Desrochers to the January 2013 PPPAC meeting to discuss this matter further with a focus on the warrior sculpture project.

Councillor Wayne Mason entered the meeting at 4:50 p.m. The Chair welcomed Councillor Mason and invited Committee members to introduce themselves and their areas of interest.

4.1.3 Park User Survey

The Committee entered into a discussion of Ms. Vanstone's draft Powerpoint summary of the Park user survey. Members provided detailed feedback on the content and order of the screens. Mr. Rice agreed to inquire into any available information on the increased volume of Park visits. Mr. Tilley agreed to provide the exact number of survey responses. Committee members expressed their appreciation for Ms. Vanstone's work and also thanked Mr. Rice for responding quickly to the PPPAC request in November to place a thank you to survey respondents on the Park website.

The Committee also discussed using the survey results to suggest improvements to the enforcement of rules and by-laws, the role of the Off-Leash Committee, and how complaints and follow-up are recorded. The Committee requested that Mr. John Charles, Infrastructure and Planning and Ms. Andrea MacDonald, Animal Services, be invited to the January PPPAC meeting to discuss these items.

4.2 Staff Updates

Mr. Rice noted that most of the staff update had been covered under Business Arising. He added that the Park display cases were now completed and the case that had been damaged was repaired.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence -- None

6.2 Petitions -- None

6.3 Presentations -- None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Segways – Report from Mr. Rastelli

The Committee acknowledged receipt of a copy of Mr. Rastelli's report, dated September 18, 2012 to Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager, Regional Recreation & Culture, HRM. The Chair noted that this report did not convey a request to continue Segway Tours in the Park. The Committee agreed that unless Mr. Rastelli indicated a wish to make a presentation to PPPAC on the pilot project and respond to questions, this item could be removed from the agenda for future meetings.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 2013 Meeting Schedule

The Committee agreed to keep the second Thursday of the month meeting schedule until further notice. Committee members also noted that it may be desirable to combine the July and August meeting dates by meeting later in July.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – January 10, 2013

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort
Legislative Assistant