



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
November 6, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair  
Mr. Don Awalt, Vice Chair  
Councillor Wayne Mason  
Mr. Peter Duiker  
Ms. Helen Sinclair  
Ms. Paula Minnikin  
Ms. Nancy Vanstone

**REGRETS:** Ms. Annette Hartt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Verne Dsouza, Manager, Halterm

**STAFF:** Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning  
Mr. John Simmons, Urban Forester  
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 4:33 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 6:05 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. in the Office and Maintenance Building, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 4, 2014**

**MOVED by Mr. Duinker, seconded by Ms. Sinclair that the minutes of September 4, 2014 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**MOVED by Mr. Awalt, 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**

**6.1 Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received: Donna Cook dated November 5, 2014; Shannon MacDonald dated November 5, 2014; Krista Jackson dated November 6, 2014.

**6.2 Petitions - None**

**6.3 Delegations - None**

**7. REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS**

**7.1 STAFF**

**7.1.1 Update from Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks**

No update at this time from Mr. Rice as he was unable to attend.

Mr. Simmons informed the Committee that regular maintenance as usual at the park. He informed the Committee that work has begun on repairing the fence.

**7.1.2 Request to Halifax and West Community Council**

The Chair read the report that will be going to Halifax and West Community Council on November 25, 2014. The Committee requested that Councillor Mason express to the Community Council their concerns regarding Point Pleasant Park. The Chair extended an invitation to Committee Members to attend the Halifax and West Community Council on November 25, 2014.

At this time Mr. Peter Bigelow informed the Committee of the newly formed Parks and Recreation Department and that Mr. Brad Anguish has been appointed as the Communication and Enforcement Director.

Mr. Bigelow informed the Committee that a survey has been completed regarding On/Off Leash Dog Parks. He also stated that a comprehensive review is under way and that a draft report will be going to Regional Council early in 2015.

Mr. Bigelow informed the Committee that there is an increase in population and animals, especially in the urban areas and that a new approach is needed and more enforcement is needed in busy areas.

## **7.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **7.2.1 Shilling Ceremony**

No update at this time.

### **7.2.2 PPP Comprehensive Long Term Plan and By-law Review**

Mr. Simmons informed the Committee that to date 102,000 seedlings were planted, some areas were culled and thinned, and overall the forest in the Park is in a very healthy state.

Mr. Bigelow stated that the direction of the Long Term Plan is to focus on regrowth, regeneration, preservation and to enhance the entry to the park and historical places within the park.

Mr. Bigelow informed the Committee that the Capital proposed for the 2015-2016 budget will focus on the following:

- Shakespeare By The Sea Building;
- Increase users in the park;
- An estimated \$2,000,000.00 over four years to replace the stone wall;
- Design work will begin on the lower parking lot; and
- Children's Play Area

Mr. Duinker questioned if we are prepared for the five year review. Mr. Simmons responded that there are time management constraints. Mr. Bigelow responded that in order to do a comprehensive review, resources such as time, energy and money would be needed, therefore reporting is not a priority.

Ms. Minnikin left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Councillor Mason agreed that resources are an issue and that the Plan should be used as a guide. He also noted that reporting should be done on a regular basis to inform citizens of the work that has been completed.

Mr. Duinker commented that a lot of money was spent on this report and expectations were raised but no formal follow up has been done. Mr. Bigelow stated that strong direction comes from Regional Council in regards to the Urban Forest Master Plan.

Ms. Vanstone stated she is pleased with all the work that has been completed, but is disappointed that the public is not aware of it. She informed the Committee that she would like to see more reporting on updates on the website.

Ms. Vanstone also stated that she would like the Committee to review the plan chapter by chapter and have Forestry students engaged in the review.

Mr. Duinker stated that he would like to see this plan as a living document with the help of volunteers, staff and the Committee.

Councillor Mason suggested that the next regular meeting be dedicated to the plan and outcomes. All Members agreed.

**7.2.3 Reinstatement of Park Volunteers**

No update at this time.

**7.2.4 Off Leash**

This item was dealt with earlier under item 7.1.2

**7.2.5 Mi'kmaq Warrior Memorial**

Mr. Awalt questioned if there was money still allocated to the memorial. Mr. Simmons responded that if there is need interest to proceed, an application would have to be submitted to Mr. Jamie MacLellan, Public Facilitator. This request would have to be submitted using MADE IN NOVA SCOTIA PROCESS, as defined by the Tri – partite Forum.

Mr. Bigelow responded that the when money is allocated and not used it reverts back to the budget. He also responded that once an application has been received from the Mic – Mac Native Friendship Centre, Mr. MacLellan will then send the request directly to Regional Council. Mr. Awalt referred to the letter he brought in earlier.

Councillor Mason informed the Committee that he would be meeting with the Assembly of Chiefs in December 2014, to have official documentation for the Memorial and to improve better relations with First Nations.

**7.2.6 Communications**

No update at this time.

**7.2.7 Yearly Priorities**

No update at this time.

**8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 8, 2015**

The next regular meeting will be held on January 8, 2015 in the Office and Maintenance Building, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax. At this time new appointments will be made to the Committee.

The Chair noted that if any members present still wish to serve on the Committee, they should make their application to the Clerk's Office as soon as possible.

The Chair thanked all Members present for their support and time as a Committee Members.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Darcy Warren  
Legislative Support