

POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

February 14, 2013

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair  
Mr. Don Awalt, Vice Chair  
Mr. Robert Apold  
Ms. Lisa Olie  
Ms. Nancy Vanstone  
Mr. Aaron Windsor

REGRETS: Ms. Helen Sinclair  
Ms. Vanessa Lilly  
Councillor Wayne Mason

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13, 2012**

**MOVED by Ms. Vanstone, seconded by Mr. Awalt that the minutes of December 13, 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**

Ms. Vanstone provided an update on the consolidation of the Park user survey data into a summary/presentation format. She noted that she would send this summary to the Legislative Assistant to be distributed to Committee members. The Committee entered into a brief discussion of the extent of the survey data that could be put on the Park website. Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks, stated that he would inquire into this matter.

**4.2 Staff Updates**

Mr. Rice informed the Committee that a fundraising running event, organized by Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC) would take place in the Park on February 24, 2013, with more than 200 runners anticipated. He added that details on the event and how to sign up were available on the MEC website.

Mr. Rice also circulated a handout prepared by Ms. Andrea MacDonald, Manager, Animal Services, that outlined patrol summaries for Point Pleasant Park, Shubenacadie Park and Seaview Park for 2011 and 2012. The handout provided statistics on dog-related violations and complaints. Mr. Rice noted that it was his understanding the statistics given were generated by park patrols and may not include complaints tracked through the 490-4000 (now 311) number.

Committee members noted that they had a number of questions and concerns about the information in the handout and requested that Ms. MacDonald be invited to attend a PPPAC meeting in March or April of 2013. Mr. Rice stated he would convey the request to Ms. MacDonald.

Mr. Rice concluded his update by circulating a draft image of the proposed changes to signage at the Park entrances. Committee members expressed enthusiasm for many of

the changes. Mr. Rice noted he would welcome additional feedback from members once they had time to study the proposed sign further and he would send the draft image to members by email.

## **5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Mi'kmaq Warrior Sculpture: Mrs. Glode-Desrochers, Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre**

As Mrs. Glode-Desrochers was not able to be attend; this item was deferred.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

### **6.1 Correspondence -- None**

### **6.2 Petitions -- None**

### **6.3 Presentations**

#### **6.3.1 Mr. Max Rastelli, Segway Nova Scotia**

Mr. Rastelli provided a brief introduction to Segway tourism in other countries and Canadian cities and then provided an overview of the three-week pilot project that took place in the Park in 2012. Twenty customers purchased the tour during the pilot. Mr. Rastelli noted that the short trial did not provide much data and that Segway NS was very interested in doing another pilot in the Park. He added that his company had a one-year agreement with the Halifax Waterfront Development Corporation to do tours on the waterfront.

The Committee entered into a discussion of the following points:

- While the Park user survey did not ask about Segways directly, some respondents expressed concern about commercial businesses and/or mechanical devices in the Park
- Some Park users had conveyed their impression to Committee members that the Segways appeared to be moving quickly
- The possible implications for trail maintenance if Segway use increased greatly
- How, if there is a second pilot project, it needs to be designed to capture specific data as the intent (how other Park users react to Segways, how tour participants experience the tour, how the information gets generated and reported back to the Committee) will shape the intent of the pilot

The Committee agreed that it was open to the possibility of another project and if Mr. Rastelli wished to return to PPPAC to present a specific proposal, they would evaluate that proposal on its merits.

## **7. REPORTS -- NONE**

**8. ADDED ITEMS**

**8.1 PPPAC Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Rice informed the Committee that he had received a request from Councillor Mason to change the regular PPPAC meeting date to either the first or the third Thursday of the month so that the Councillor could attend, as he currently had a conflict with another committee schedule. The PPPAC members agreed to change the March 2013 meeting to March 7, 2013. The Chair and Mr. Rice agreed that the two new Committee members, Ms. Sinclair and Ms. Lilly, who were not present to receive the request for a change in dates, would be contacted and a final decision about the 2013 PPPAC schedule made at the March 7, 2013 meeting.

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 7, 2013**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort  
Legislative Assistant