

BACKGROUND

The Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee (PPPAC) was established to advise and assist Council in planning and management of Point Pleasant Park.

A Point Pleasant Park user survey was conducted in August 2012 which provided the PPPAC valuable information on how people use the park and also drew attention to a growing number of concerns from Park users.

On May 13, 2013 members of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee provided a presentation to Halifax and West Community Council entitled "What Point Pleasant Park Users Had to Say." This presentation provided the Community Council with information on how the park is used and outlined the concerns provided from park users.

DISCUSSION

The Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee have met and discussed the Park survey and have identified concerns and are now seeking Council assistance in finding solutions for the betterment of the park and enjoyment of its users.

The Committee continues to be concerned that the rules around off leash activities are not clearly understood or enforced in the park. In the survey of park users the majority of respondents indicated that the current rules respecting off leash areas are appropriate, but respondents raised significant concern that the current rules need to be better understood and regularly enforced.

Similarly, the respondents also noted concern regarding cyclists in the park not obeying the posted rules. The Committee feels that an enforcement of existing rules needs to be improved and are requesting that Halifax and West Community Council request a staff report to provide possible solutions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should Halifax and West Community Council approve the recommendation of PPPAC the resulting staff report will provide the financial implications.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee is comprised of eight community members, the Mayor and the Councillor from District 7. The meetings of the Point Pleasant Advisory Committee are open to the public.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications to this report.

ALTERNATIVES

The Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee did not provide an alternative.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2012 Park Survey Summary – What Point Pleasant Park Users Had to Say

