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Halifax and West Community Council
November 18, 2015

TO: Chair and Members of Halifax and West Community Council

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY:

Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair of Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

DATE: November 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Weekend Bicycle Access to Point Pleasant Park

ORIGIN

Motion from the November 5, 2015 meeting of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 1 of the Terms of Reference of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee which states that the mandate of the Committee includes tasks such as "to advise the municipality on the management and evolution of the Park" and "to advise on park-related by-laws and regulations."

RECOMMENDATION

The Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee recommends that Halifax and West Community Council request a staff report to examine the possibility of weekend bicycle access to Point Pleasant Park and to discuss the matter with the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the November 5, 2015 meeting, the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee determined to recommend that the Halifax and West Community Council request a staff report regarding weekend bicycle access to the Park.

The Committee was advised that although cycling is permitted on weekdays, park regulations prevent the use of bicycles in the park on weekends. Committee members commented that there are a number of bicycle lanes and proposed bikeways that terminate at the Park, so it would be prudent to examine the advisability of providing weekend access to cyclists in order to continue the Active Transportation network. The Committee expressed concern that with a higher density of park users on the weekend, providing bicycle access could present a safety issue to other park users.

The Committee expressed interest in staff determining whether the following considerations should be included in the report:

- a public engagement plan targeting park users and the cycling community,
- identification of appropriate paths for shared use (if any) and feasibility of maintaining those paths,
- safety, speed, and enforcement issues, and
- financial considerations for implementation and ongoing maintenance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to this report. The financial implications of extending weekend bicycle access to Point Pleasant Park have not yet been identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the Halifax and West Community Council and is comprised of six members of the public. The meetings are open to the public and the agendas and minutes are posted online at www.halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee did not provide alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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