

POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

September 13, 2012

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair  
Mr. Don Awalt, Vice Chair  
Mr. Richard Tilley  
Ms. Lisa Olie  
Mr. Geoff O'Connor  
Mr. Robert Apold  
Ms. Nancy Vanstone

REGRETS: Councillor Sue Uteck  
Ms. Theresa Piorkowski  
Ms. Katrina Leckovic  
Mr. Brian Phelan, Supervisor of Parks and Open Spaces

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 12, 2012**

**MOVED by Mr. Tilley, seconded by Ms. Olie that the minutes of July 12, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

8.1 Signage (Richard Tilley)

The Committee agreed to the Order of Business as amended.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STAFF UPDATES**

**4.1 Business Arising**

**4.1.1 Park User Survey**

**<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/PointPleasantParkUserSurvey/>**

Mr. Tilley provided an update to the Committee, noting that 1255 surveys had been completed between August 17 and September 13, 2012. He stated that it takes an average of 12 minutes to complete the survey. He also noted that the Chronicle-Herald and CBC Television had done stories on the survey and DogBlog was actively promoting survey participation among its readers.

Ms. Olie offered to alert The Running Room staff and Bluenose Marathon organizers to the survey. Ms. Vanstone raised the possibility of promoting the survey through notices on Park sandwich boards placed at the entrances. Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks, stated he would look into implementing this request. He also noted that when the survey ends on September 28, 2012, staff will prepare a report. The Committee agreed to study the report before gathering additional data through clicker head counts. Mr. Rice suggested arranging clicker counts once per season, on a weekday and a Sunday, starting winter 2013. The Committee agreed.

The Chair and Committee members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Tilley for his leadership in the design and organization of the Park User Survey initiative.

**4.1.2 Shilling Ceremony**

The Chair and Mr. Rice confirmed that they have received no further information from ceremony organizers and that it was unlikely the ceremony would happen this year.

#### **4.1.3 Segways (Stephen Rice)**

A letter dated August 10, 2012 to Mr. Max Rastelli, Segway Nova Scotia, from Ms. Denise Schofield, Manager, Regional Events & Culture, was before the Committee.

Mr. Rice informed the Committee that staff were waiting for a final report from Mr. Rastelli on the Segway pilot project. The Chair requested a copy of the report be forwarded to Committee members once it was available. Mr. Rice clarified the Segway tour route, stating that the Segways do not go on any footpaths. He noted that staff had not received any complaints during the pilot although a few Park users had expressed concern about the Park becoming "cluttered". Mr. Tilley noted that the Segway speed limit of 10 kilometres per hour should be a maximum speed as the Segway users appear to be moving much faster than other Park visitors. He added that one tour participant, who had mobility problems, told him that the Segway tour enabled him to visit parts of the Park he would not otherwise have seen.

#### **4.2 Staff Updates**

The Chair welcomed Mr. Matt Godwin, Legislative Assistant and new Committee member Mr. Geoff O'Connor to the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

Mr. Rice informed the Committee that beach supervision in the Park ended on Labour Day, that the Sailor's Memorial was being repaired for Remembrance Day ceremonies, and that tour markers in the Park had been updated. He added that Google Maps staff had been in the Park on September 13, 2012 and that it would take approximately a year for that data to be available. He also noted that Park display cases would be finished this fall.

The Chair requested an update on the plan for improvements to the lower parking lot once the Port Authority has vacated the area. Mr. Rice responded that the long-term strategy for major projects was still under discussion and he would convey the Committee's request to Mr. Peter Bigelow, Real Property Planning Manager, as well as an invitation to Mr. Bigelow to make a presentation at a future Committee meeting.

Mr. Rice referred a Committee question on the progress of the Mi'kmaq Warrior Sculpture to Mr. Awalt. Mr. Awalt stated that he thought the letter from the Council of Chiefs would have come to the Committee by now and he would inquire into this matter.

### **5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS -- NONE**

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

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

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

**6.3 Presentations -- None**

**7. REPORTS -- NONE**

**8. ADDED ITEMS**

**8.1 Signage (Richard Tilley)**

Mr. Tilley informed the Committee that an HRM police officer had come to the Park in response to an incident involving a weekend cyclist and that the officer had told Mr. Tilley the Park signage prohibiting weekend cycling was unclear. Mr. Tilley provided the date and time of call to the police to Mr. Rice who stated he would request the police report. Mr. Rice noted that by-law enforcement staff have not indicated that the signage is inadequate and that they have issued tickets in the past.

Mr. Tilley also, with the assistance of a large wall map, described an area of the Park where he feels the signage is unclear for dog walkers.

The Committee agreed to keep this item on the agenda for the October meeting and, weather permitting, to do a Park walk during the October meeting and examine the signage.

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE – October 11, 2012**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort  
Legislative Assistant