

POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

February 6, 2014

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair
Mr. Don Awwalt, Vice Chair
Mr. Peter Duinker
Ms. Paula Minnikin
Ms. Lisa Olie
Mr. Aaron Windsor
Ms. Nancy Vanstone

REGRETS: Ms. Helen Sinclair
Councillor Wayne Mason
Ms. Annette Hartt
Mr. Will Gregory
Ms. Julie Vandervoort

STAFF: Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks
Mr. Darcy Warren, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Office and Maintenance Building, Point Pleasant Park.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 9, 2014

The Committee noted the following change to the minutes of January 9, 2014: Mr. Will Gregory was present at the meeting.

MOVED by Mr. Duinker, seconded by Mr. Awalt that the minutes of January 9, 2014 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Mr. Windsor, seconded by Mr. Awalt that the Order of Business be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STAFF UPDATES

4.1 Update from Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks

Mr. Rice updated the Committee on the regular maintenance around the park. He requested the Committee look at having an alternative meeting place in the event that maintenance building is not available. The Committee agreed to have the Clerk's Office and the Chair look into alternative meeting venues.

4.2 Update from Mr. John Simmons, Acting Superintendent of Parks

No Update at this time.

Ms. Vanstone expressed concern that the results of the survey have not been posted to the web-site; she also noted that only pre-scheduled events are updated. Ms. Vanstone noted that the public are looking for the results and feel that their comments are not being heard.

Mr. Rice responded that Clerk's Office look into who is responsible for the web-site and its content.

The Chair requested that the Clerk's Office contact Ms. Minniken on this matter.

4.3 Terms of Reference and appropriate next steps

The Committee agreed to have this item deferred until Councillor Mason is available to attend the meeting.

Mr. Warren, Legislative Support, informed the Committee of the use of telephones for the purpose of meeting quorum. He referenced Administrative Order One; Quorum of Committee, Section 74 (6): Under acceptable circumstances, as determined by the Clerk of the Committee, a member of an Advisory Committee may attend the meeting through the use of electronic conferencing for the purpose of meeting quorum. Provided the member has before them the report and recommendations to be considered the member may be included in debate and vote on the matter. Application of this clause shall not negate the requirement to ensure that meetings are open to the public.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 Cross Country Skiing in Point Pleasant Park – Ms. Doris Balch

Mr. Rice responded to correspondence from Ms. Doris Balch. He stated that unplowed areas are used for cross country skiing and that partial clearing of roads is not possible due to the damage it would cause and the amount of maintenance that would be required. Mr. Rice also stated that there is no way to create a path to the cross country ski areas.

Mr. Duinker suggested that signs be posted to direct people to the ski area. The Committee agreed to have Mr. Rice mock up signage and bring back to the next meeting for review.

6.1.2 Comment – Ms. Marty Leonard

The Committee agreed to have the Clerk's Office forward this letter to the Off Leash Committee and Animal Enforcement.

7. REPORTS - None

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Programs of the Year: Progress Review of Yearly Priorities

- **Shilling Ceremony**
- **Long Term Plan and By-Law Review**
- **Reinstating Park Volunteers**

- **Review of Dog Park: On Leash/Off Leash**
- **Mi'kmaq War Memorial**
- **Other**

Shilling Ceremony:

Mr. Windsor informed the Committee that he is in the process of contacting the Mayor's Office and the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer's Office to finalize a date for the Shilling ceremony. Mr. Windsor stated that the end of June is the potential date.

Mr. Awalt informed the Committee that he will find elders to perform at the ceremony.

Long Term Plan and By-Law Review:

MOVED by Ms. Minnikin, seconded by Mr. Duinker that the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee request information regarding the following:

- 1. When the Comprehensive Point Pleasant Park Long Term Plan Review will begin;**
- 2. Who has ownership and will oversee Comprehensive Long Term Plan review; and**
- 3. Request a member from Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee be appointed to the Long Term Plan Review Committee**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Reinstating Park Volunteers:

The Committee entered into discussion on the reinstatement of Park Volunteers. It was noted that a main issue is that there is no HRM staff to coordinate the volunteers.

Mr. Rice stated that Non-Government Organizations, such as Clean Nova Scotia, would have to take the lead to coordinate and train volunteers in the removal of trees, therefore existing resources of the park would not be used.

Ms. Vanstone expressed her concern that an organization like Clean Nova Scotia would not want to make a commitment to coordinate the volunteers in all aspects of the park.

Ms. Minnikin stated that it would be possible to bring in another NGO if it became too much for Clean NS, such as Fusion Halifax.

The Committee agreed to have Ms. Minnikin coordinate with other NGO's to make a presentation to the Committee.

Review of Dog Park:

The Committee agreed to change “Review of dog Park” to “Off Leash

Mi’kmaq Warrior Memorial:

Mr. Awalt informed the Committee that he is still waiting for responses and would update the Committee once he had information to provide.

Other – Communications

Ms. Minnikin suggested that at least every quarter the park hold a special event.

The Committee agreed to change “Other” to “Communications”.

The Committee also agreed to make the following changes to the agenda:

- Item 4.2: Update from John Simmons be removed
- Item 8.1: Added Items be included in Reports as follows: Shilling Ceremony; Long Term Plan review; Reinstatement of Park Volunteers; Off Leash; Mi’kmaq Warrior Memorial; and Communications.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 6, 2014

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Darcy Warren
Legislative Support