



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOTES
July 9, 2015**

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair
Councillor Waye Mason
Mr. Malcolm Norton

REGRETS: Ms. Helen Sinclair, Vice Chair
Ms. Sarah Estrin
Ms. Janice Cunningham

STAFF: Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks
Cst. Robin Sherwood, Community Response Officer
Ms. Phoebe Smith, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held without quorum in the Office and Maintenance Building, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 7, 2015

As quorum was not achieved, the May 7, 2015 minutes could not be approved. They will be brought forward for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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

The Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee members present agreed to a short discussion of items 7.1.1 - Update from Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks and 7.1.2 - Update from Constable Robin Sherwood, Community Response Officer and to defer all other agenda items to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Councillor Mason provided notice that he intends to bring forward a motion to recommend 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.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

7. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

7.1 STAFF

7.1.1 Update from Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks

Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks indicated that, as part of the Parks and Recreation Business Plan, staff will launch the park patrol pilot program in Point Pleasant Park in 2015. He advised that the program would be a collaborative effort including police, animal enforcement and security companies contracted to monitor the park. Mr. Rice noted that there would be a website redesign and media campaign, with a soft launch in late August to increase presence and educate park users and then gradually moving toward greater enforcement in the fall.

7.1.2 Update from Constable Robin Sherwood, Community Response Officer

Constable Robin Sherwood, Community Response Officer for South End Halifax with the Halifax Regional Police provided an overview of police efforts to enforce park regulations.

Constable Sherwood noted that police have made a commitment to address the issue of Sunday evening car enthusiast gatherings and associated dangerous driving, wheel spinning, and general disturbance that has been preventing other park users from enjoying the area. In response, police have enhanced their presence in the area on Sunday evenings to ensure that the park is closed by 8:00 p.m., and they have been working closely with residents and other park users who have been forthcoming in filming incidents and turning over that footage to officers. He indicated that the strategy to focus on education and presence so far has received considerable positive feedback, but if needed police will increase enforcement.

7.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following items were deferred to the next Committee meeting:

7.2.1 Shilling Ceremony

7.2.2 PPP Comprehensive Long Term Plan and By-law Review

7.2.3 Off Leash

7.2.4 Mi'kmaq Warrior Memorial

7.2.5 Communications

7.2.6 Yearly Priorities

7.2.7 Winter Park Usage

8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday September 3, 2015 in the Office and Maintenance Building, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Ms. Phoebe Smith
Legislative Assistant