



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 4, 2023**

PRESENT: Karlyn O’Hanley, Chair
Sandra Nowlan, Vice Chair
Councillor Wayne Mason
Ted Doane
Ryan Frizell
Dominique Johns

REGRETS: Muyu Xia
Karen Zishiri

STAFF: Ian Kennedy, Supervisor Major Parks West
Adam Cornick, Superintendent Parks West
Lama Farhat, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. The Committee adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 2, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Ted Doane

THAT the minutes of March 2, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Sandra Nowlan, seconded by Ryan Frizell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, the Committee agreed to add the following:

- Item 11.1 – Staff Update on Entrance of Chain Rock Drive
- Item 11.2 – Staff Update on Defensive Structures at Point Pleasant Park

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 9.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation - None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. MOTIONS OF RECISSION – December 1, 2022

9.1 Councillor Mason

The following was before the Committee:

- Extract from December 1, 2022 Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee minutes
- Correspondence from Gary MacLeod

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Ted Doane

THAT the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee rescind item 9.2.1 from the December 1, 2022 Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee meeting which requested a staff report as follows:

“That the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee recommends that the Halifax and West Community Council direct the Chief Administrative Office to prepare a staff report evaluating the possible reinstating of dedicated Park Patrol in Point Pleasant Park.”

Adam Cornick, Superintendent Parks West spoke to the two Park Officer positions that would support patrol efforts in Point Pleasant Park and noted that they would be filled within the next year.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. REPORTS

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 Point Pleasant Park Operations Update

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated May 4, 2023

Ian Kennedy, Supervisor Major Parks West provided an operations update and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding signage for cyclists and the change in operation efforts resulting from the absence of summer student staff.

Kennedy added that a food truck has been approved and it will be located in the Lower Water Parking Lot throughout the Summer.

10.1.2 Staff Update on Orienteering at Point Pleasant Park

The following was before the Committee:

- Extract from Orienteering Association of Nova Scotia handout March 2, 2023 Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee meeting

Ian Kennedy, Supervisor Major Parks West provided an update on orienteering at Point Pleasant Park and highlighted that bookings does not approve off-trail access. Kennedy spoke to previous experiences of booking approval on a case-by-case basis for off-trail access and provided that a discretionary approval could be made by staff.

Kennedy responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding consequences of off-trail excursions by non-experienced groups.

The Committee expressed their support for the Orienteering Association of Nova Scotia's request but proposed that off-trail use should be limited and that staff monitor for potential impacts.

11. ADDED ITEMS

11.1 Staff Update on Entrance at Chain Rock Drive

Ian Kennedy, Supervisor Major Parks West spoke to the paving of the entrance at Chain Rock Drive and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding crusher dust on the roadway.

11.2 Staff Update on the Defensive Structures at Point Pleasant Park

Ian Kennedy, Supervisor Major Parks West spoke to the concerns that the Halifax Military Heritage Preservation Society had brought forward regarding the shoreline battery and emphasized the incredible cost it would take to preserve and maintain them.

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Kennedy responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding the short- and long-term maintenance of structures and noted municipal and federal involvement.

Lama Farhat, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 6, 2023

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Lama Farhat
Legislative Assistant