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MEMORANDUM

TO: Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee
FROM: Steve Rice, Supervisor Major Parks West
DATE: March 5, 2020
SUBJECT: Point Pleasant Park Operations Update

The supervisor of Major Parks West is responsible for; 5 parks (PPP, Hemlock Ravine, Dingle, Shaw wilderness park and Mainland Common/Linear park), 2 cemeteries (Camp hill and Fairview) as well as civic event support.

Seasonal and student staff return in early May bringing the total staff compliment for Major Parks west to 14, of which 5 are usually kept in PPP daily.

Regular maintenance typically includes garbage and litter pick-up (daily), in 2019 we collected 53 Metric Tonnes (117,000 lbs). Other tasks include road/drainage maintenance, grass whipping, selected removal of invasive plants, painting of park benches and snow plowing/sanding in winter months.

Winter operations:

- Sanding for ice control is the task that takes up the most time vs. actual plowing. With the constant freeze/thaw cycle often the park must be sanded several times on repetitive days as it melts during the day and re-freezes overnight. We often can't plow to bare gravel as this causes extensive damage to the road surface.
- Only main graveled roads are maintained, not the smaller footpaths.

Forestry Thinning Project;

- Tender will go out again this spring for the next 10 ha. (Phase 2 of 3). Further update will be provided when areas are selected and mapped.

Capital Projects:

- Plans to hire a consultant in 2020 (funded from the 2020/21 Capital Budget) to complete shoreline design with construction to follow in future years
- Perimeter stone walls 2021 - 2023
- Bandstand rehabilitation 2022
- Greenbank Building design 2023

Signage - we have assessed all signage and are working with Corporate Communications to have drafts of new branded signage to present to the Committee to provide their input.

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