



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 5, 2017**

PRESENT: Duncan Morum, Chair
Councillor Wayne Mason
Malcolm Norton
Paula Minnikin
Dawn Vickers
Janice Wentzell

REGRETS: Helen Sinclair, Vice Chair
Ann Boswick
Karen Ross
Timothy Boudreau
Colleen Paschal

STAFF: Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks
Mr. Richard Harvey, Manager, Policy and Planning, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Manager, Culture and Events, Parks and Recreation
Ms. Phoebe Rai, 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 4:30 p.m. and adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Mr. Norton

THAT Mr. Morum be nominated Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Morum

THAT Ms. Minnikin be nominated Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for any further nominations. There being none, a secret ballot was taken with results counted by the Legislative Assistant. Ms. Rai announced that the results were evenly split between the two candidates. A brief discussion ensued, with members suggesting the matter be deferred to a future date when more Committee members are present. It was also suggested that the candidates provide some introductory comments for the benefit of newer Committee members.

It was then MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Ms. Minnikin

THAT the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 3, 2016

MOVED by Mr. Norton, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the minutes of November 3, 2016 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The Committee agreed to a request from Councillor Mason to consider items 9.2.2 and 9.2.6 before proceeding to other matters, as staff members were present to speak to those items.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Ms. Vickers

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

The Committee proceeded to consider 9.2.2 followed by 9.2.6 as determined during the approval of the order of business.

9.2.2 PPP Comprehensive Long Term Plan and By-law Review

Mr. Richard Harvey and Ms. Carolle Koziak Roberts provided commentary with respect to the Point Pleasant Park Comprehensive Long Term Plan, noting the following:

- A Request for Proposals has gone out for the design and engineering of the lower parking lot, which is in the capital budget for this year.
- Staff are looking concurrently at the future location for the Greenbank building and what type of servicing will be required in order to plan underground infrastructure while completing the surface treatments of the parking lot.
- The Shakespeare by the Sea Theatre society has been unable to apply for funding to complete renovations to the building due to the terms of the licence agreement. Regional Council provided direction to enter into an amending agreement with the society and return to Council in 2017 with building recommendations.
- A maintenance plan connected to the Comprehensive Long Term Plan is currently in development.

Mr. Harvey concluded by noting that staff is open to working with the Committee to prioritize some elements of the Plan over others. Ms. Koziak Roberts identified decisions regarding how to approach shoreline erosion as a possible area for the Committee to provide valuable input.

9.2.6 Councillor Wayne Mason – Request from Sable Island Institute

The following was before the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee:

- A Request for Consideration form submitted by Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Mr. Norton

THAT the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee endorse the request of the Sable Island Institute for the use of the Point Pleasant Park Superintendent’s Lodge for a period of one-year to begin the development of an ongoing, publicly accessible research project for the study and presentation of Sable Island’s cultural and ecological resources.

Mr. Jamie MacLellan, Community Developer, Parks and Recreation advised that Superintendent Lodge programming has shifted from direct oversight to a centralized systems and staff do not have the resources to program the facility. He advised that the request from the Sable Island Institute would bring together arts and science, similar to what was supported through the residency program. Mr. MacLellan noted that the public access component would be developed over the course of several months.

A brief discussion ensued. Highlights include:

- The request is for temporary use of the space, as they will need a much larger space for their permanent office;
- There will be an educational component as well as an art component;
- There are similarities in the ecology of Point Pleasant Park and Sable Island, and both are in HRM District 7;
- Although it would be preferable to have a program that was focused on Point Pleasant Park itself, the space has been underutilized and this group is ready to proceed quickly.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

The Legislative Assistant noted that correspondence was received regarding item 9.2.6 and this was distributed to all Committee members. The Chair noted that he would provide a response via email.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Update from Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks

Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks, provided an update on park activities. He noted that Halifax Water will be upgrading lines that run through the park, but details regarding the impact on the park are not yet known. He advised that due to a reduction in staff, the focus is on park maintenance. Regarding snow clearing, Mr. Rice noted that there would be information added to the website, and that staff would be flagging benches to mitigate damage to park property due to snow removal efforts.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9.2.1 Shilling Ceremony

It was noted that Committee member Ms. Boswick has been working on plans for the 2017 Shilling Ceremony, and she would provide details at a future meeting.

9.2.2 PPP Comprehensive Long Term Plan and By-law Review

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 3 for details.

9.2.3 Communications

There was no update regarding communications.

9.2.4 Yearly Priorities

The Committee briefly discussed developing categories of matters for discussion to structure Committee meetings. This would provide a way to monitor and measure the activities of the Committee, set reasonable goals, and take steps to achieve those goals. It was agreed that time would be set aside to discuss this suggestion in detail at a future meeting.

The Legislative Assistant agreed to send all Committee members a link to the Point Pleasant Park Comprehensive Plan available online at <http://www.halifax.ca/pointpleasantpark/history.php>

9.2.5 Tim Boudreau - Unauthorized Removal of Vegetation from Point Pleasant Park

The following was before the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee:

- A Request for Consideration form submitted by Tim Boudreau, with attached draft “No Not Pick the Plants” handout

The Committee discussed deferring this matter to a subsequent meeting when Mr. Boudreau is present to speak to the motion.

MOVED by Ms. Minnikin, seconded by Ms. Wentzell

THAT the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.6 Councillor Waye Mason – Request from Sable Island Institute

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting. See page 3 for details.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Phoebe Rai
Legislative Assistant