



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
March 1, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Ian Austen  
Denton Froese  
Patrick Larter  
Stephanie Gustys  
Colleen Paschal  
Krista Daley  
Deputy Mayor Wayne Mason

**REGRETS:** Shaila Jamal  
Michael Gerrior  
John Price  
Susan Summerby-Murray

**STAFF:** Richard Harvey, Manager of Policy and Planning, Parks and Recreation  
Sharon Chase, Legislative Assistant, Office of the Municipal Clerk  
Michael Lannon, Legislative Support, Office of the Municipal Clerk

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*The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 5:36 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Sharon Chase, Legislative Assistant, called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm at Halifax Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**2. 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 Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Colleen Paschal

**THAT Patrick Larter be nominated Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Legislative Assistant called three times for any further nominations. There being none, nominations for the position of Chair were closed.

The Legislative Assistant declared Patrick Larter, Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

The Chair then called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Krista Daley

**THAT Colleen Paschal be nominated Vice Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Chair called three times for any further nominations. There being none, nominations for the position of Vice Chair were closed.

The Chair declared Colleen Paschal as Vice Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 2, 2017 and January 25, 2018**

MOVED by Krista Daley, seconded by Colleen Paschal

**THAT the minutes of November 2, 2017 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Sharon Chase, Legislative Assistant, noted that Shaila Jamal is to be added as present in the January 25, 2018 minutes.

MOVED by Colleen Paschal, seconded by Krista Daley

**THAT the minutes of January 25, 2018 be approved as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

MOVED by Krista Daley, seconded by Denton Froese

**THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

**6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE**

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE**

**10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

**10.1 STAFF**

**10.1.1 Overview of the Point Pleasant Park Comprehensive Plan**

Carolle Koziak-Roberts, Policy and Planning for Parks and Recreation, delivered a presentation outlining key points and objectives found in the Point Pleasant Park Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the presentation is on file.

Ian Austen noted that an electronic copy of the Point Pleasant Comprehensive Plan should be circulated to Committee members. Sharon Chase, Legislative Assistant, will provide members with a copy.

Stephanie Gustys raised safety concerns over the lights being turned off at Point Pleasant Park overnight. Carolle Koziak-Roberts noted that the design, usage, and placement of the lights are part of a larger design plan for the lower parking lot that will see improvements in the future.

Denton Froese noted that within the comprehensive plan there is mention of a multi-purpose building and questioned whether the building referenced in the comprehensive plan is to be understood as the Greenbank building currently in discussion. Carolle Koziak-Roberts confirmed that this was correct and noted that the Greenbank building would be located near the lower parking lot on the outskirts of Point Pleasant Park housing visitor reception, canteen, with possible discussions with Shakespeare by the Sea, a local theatre production group, to have access to the facility as well.

Ian Austen raised concerns around large ceremonial events taking place within Point Pleasant Park as it related to public safety. Krista Daley echoed these remarks and requested if a security report or plan for large events taking place at Point Pleasant Park had been done in the past. Deputy Mayor Mason noted that they would inquire about the security plans in place at Point Pleasant Park and report back to the Committee at the next monthly meeting.

**10.1.2 Overview of the Capital Plan**

Jeff Spares delivered a brief overview of Park and Recreation's assets, current and future budget projections, as well as some possible expenditure in relation to current and future projects. A copy of the presentation is on file.

Ian Austen looked for explanation surrounding the significance of the term "Greenbank" as it related to a possible project within Point Pleasant Park. Deputy Mayor Mason noted that the term "Greenbank"

denotes an Irish community that was displaced during the building of the railway near Point Pleasant Park.

### **10.1.3 Paving of Lower Parking Lot**

Alex Quinn, Construction Engineer with HRM, and Sandra Cook, Landscape Architect, Ekistics Planning and Design, delivered a presentation to the Committee on the future design of the lower parking lot located in Point Pleasant Park. A copy of the presentation is on file.

The Vice Chair noted that an accessible parking space should be incorporated into the water-view lookout. Sandra Cook noted that an accessible parking spot would be considered into the redesign of the water-view lookout area of the lower parking lot.

Deputy Mayor Mason noted that Ekistics should consult with the military about how the lower parking lot design can accommodate their planned ceremonial usage of the space as several buses and many individuals could be situated in the area during these events.

Ian Austen noted that the design of the lower parking lot may want to include the incorporation of the Trans Canada Trail. Deputy Mayor Mason noted they would inquire about the connectivity of the lower parking lot with the sidewalk that reflects the Trans Canada Trail.

Denton Froese noted that the Port Authority should be consulted during construction. Sandra Cook, Landscape Architect for Ekistics Planning and Design, advised that the Port Authority would be informed ahead of construction.

Committee members expressed their enthusiasm with the future design of the lower parking lot of Point Pleasant Park.

## **10.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **10.2.1 Point Pleasant Park Mobile App**

The Chair brought forward a discussion on an idea for the creation of a Point Pleasant Park mobile app that would act as a web-based tool that would improve park users experience with Point Pleasant Park allowing park users access to such information as but not limited to:

- Park Rules and Guidelines
- Hours of Operation
- Events
- Emergency Notes

Ian Austen noted that an augmented reality experience may exist and be incorporated into such an app. Denton Froese noted that there is an augmented reality event taking place in September 2018, being put on by Zupa Theatre as part of their "This is Nowhere" event. Denton Froese noted that attending such an event may be a useful opportunity to see how such an activity functions.

Denton Froese requested a time frame for which a mobile app could be created and accessible to park users. Sharon Chase, Legislative Assistant, noted that the Committee is able to bring the idea of such an app forward to Halifax and West Community Council for consideration and if there is interest from Community Council then a staff report would be requested.

Deputy Mayor Mason, noted that the inclusion of digital or web presence be included into the proposed motion and that partnerships with the federal government and/or universities may allow for the idea of a Point Pleasant Park app come to fruition quicker than if the idea were pursued solely by the municipality.

MOVED by Krista Daley, seconded by Colleen Paschal

**THAT Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee recommends that Halifax and West Community Council request a staff report on the development of a Point Pleasant Park Mobile App and an enhanced website and social media presence to provide information and guidance to park visitors.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 4:30pm, at Halifax Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.

Michael Lannon  
Legislative Support