



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
March 5, 2020**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason  
Councillor Lindell Smith  
Ian Austen  
Colleen Paschal  
Stephanie Gustys  
Susan Summerby-Murray  
Brian MacDonald  
Chidiebere Maduakolam  
Alex Smith  
Janet Dyson  
Natasha Warren

REGRETS: Kelsey Redding

STAFF: Stephen Rice, Supervisor Major Parks, West Parks  
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 6:51 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. at Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

MOVED by Councillor Waye Mason, seconded by Brian MacDonald,

The Committee asked that the Legislative Assistant amend the November 7, 2019 Minutes to include the listing of the two options under Committee Consideration in Item No. 9.1.3.

**THAT the minutes of November 7, 2019 be approved as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

MOVED by Colleen Paschal, seconded by Chidiebere Maduakolam,

**THAT the agenda be presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES –**

The Committee requests that going forward that staff present the 5-year workplan prior to its' prestation to the Halifax and West Community Council. Councillor Waye Mason informed the Committee that the staff report regarding the 5-year workplan, formally titled Multi-Year Point Pleasant Park Operations Plan, was submitted to Halifax and West Community Council and approved at their November 13, 2019 meeting. The Committee asked the Legislative Assistant to request staff to present the Multi-Year Point Pleasant Park Operations Plan at an upcoming meeting of the Committee.

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**7.1 Correspondence**

**7.1.1 Correspondence was received from David Keefe, dated November 16, 2019.**

The Committee asked the Legislative Assistant if any updates re correspondence. Stephen Rice told the Committee that Alana Tapper, Superintendent for Parks West, was in contact with David Keefe regarding his questions about the lease of Point Pleasant Park Lodge. The Committee asked the Legislative Assistant to contact Alana Tapper regarding her response to this correspondence. The Committee would like to receive a recommendation from staff regarding the future use of Point Pleasant Park Lodge and an update as to whether the lease of the Lodge was renewed to the Sable Island Institute.

**7.2 Petitions – NONE**

**7.3 Presentations – NONE**

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

### **9.1 STAFF**

#### **9.1.1 HRM Board and Committee Orientation**

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff presentation entitled: Advisory Boards and Committees – Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee Orientation

Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant presented an overview on the following:

Role of Advisory Board and Committees

- Advisory Committee Role
- Terms of Reference
- Role of the Chair
- Conflict of Interest
- Agendas and Meetings
- What Happens at a Meeting
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Member Conduct

Stephen Rice, Supervisor Major Parks, West Parks, provided an overview on the following:

- The management of Point Pleasant Park is divided over two groups; the Parks Capital Planning Group and the Operations Group.
- Rice is part of the Operations group. Rice and his supervisor Alana Tapper, Superintendent for Parks West Staff, oversee the daily operations of the Park including winter operations.
- Rice has five staff members primarily focused on Point Pleasant Park in winter which includes garbage removal, snow removal and salting/sanding of paths. Summer staff totals 14 to oversee the maintenance of 5 major parks including Point Pleasant Park.
- Rice spoke about the approximately 40-50 events that commonly occur in the park including cross country runs and weddings.
- Outside contractors are used for grass mowing, washroom cleaning and security.
- Remaining maintenance items are performed by HRM staff including garbage collection, road drainage and maintenance.

#### **9.1.2 Point Pleasant Park Operations Update**

The following was before the Committee:

- Point Pleasant Park Operations Update memorandum, dated March 5, 2020.

Stephen Rice, Supervisor Major Parks, West Parks, provided an update on operations and the status of ongoing winter operations for the Park. Rice answered Committee questions regarding snow clearing issues, the goal is a safe walking surface on the main gravel roads. The forestry thinning project is entering phase 2 and will go out to tender in April or May with work scheduled for the fall. Year 1 of the 3-year program was fairly successful and ensured the Park looks as natural as possible.

Capital projects in 2020 for the Park will include a shoreline study and design report by a consultant to determine options for future construction to address shore erosion. Shore line repairs were done after Hurricane Dorian. Future capital projects include the perimeter stone walls projected for 2021 – 2023, bandstand rehabilitation in 2022 and Greenbank Building design in 2023. The Committee asked if the band stands could be painted in the interim as needed before the full restoration project, Rice will ask Capital.

All of the Park's signage has been assessed and staff are working with Corporate Communications to have drafts of new branded signage to present to the Committee to provide their input. The signage update review will incorporate the use of the Halifax branded logo, include 2-3 options that fit in with

existing kiosks to refresh what currently exists and maintain wayfinding. The Committee asked the Legislative Assistant to contact Alana Tapper to make presentation to Committee regarding the signage review.

Rice informed the Committee that the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) 2020 will be holding its' cross-country events in the Park's lower fields. More information regarding this event will be provided as it becomes available.

Rice answered Committee questions about washrooms indicating that the number of temporary porta potties may be increased this summer until there is a permanent washroom solution. Councillor Mason told the Committee that Regional Council's capital budget will provide the Regional Park Washroom & Drinking Fountain Strategy \$500,000 this year, \$800,000 next year and \$500,000 year after; these funds are for all HRM parks. The Multi-Year Point Pleasant Park Operations Plan includes plans to build an interpretative building (old Greenbank Building) that may include washrooms, so the Committee instructed the Legislative Assistant to ask the Capital Planning Group or Alana Tapper to provide details regarding the plans for the Park's washroom facilities.

Rice briefed the Committee on the standards for park benches in the Park, Major Parks has standards for entrances to major parks such as Point Pleasant Park that the entrances have more ornate black metal benches and garbage cans and to maintain wooden/concrete benches inside the park. The composite picnic tables installed in the Park last year may be extended throughout the Park. The Legislative Assistant will circulate the Point Pleasant Park Comprehensive Plan to the Committee's new members.

## **9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NONE**

## **10. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The Vice Chair turned over the meeting to the Legislative Assistant.

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

MOVED by Ian Austen, seconded by Janet Dyson,

**THAT Brian MacDonald be nominated Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.**

**Brian MacDonald accepted the nomination.**

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Legislative Assistant called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Brian MacDonald was declared Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

Brian MacDonald assumed the position of Chair and then called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Colleen Paschal, seconded by Councillor Waye Mason,

**THAT Susan Summerby-Murray be nominated Vice Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.**

**Susan Summerby-Murray accepted the nomination.**

### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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The Chair called three more times for any further nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee. There being none, Susan Summerby-Murray was declared Vice Chair of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee.

**11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 7, 2020**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood,  
Legislative Assistant