



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
March 4, 2021**

PRESENT: Brian MacDonald, Chair
Councillor Wayne Mason
Erin Allen
Jake Dambergs
Janet Dyson
Natasha Warren
Alex Smith

REGRETS: Susan Summerby-Murray, Vice Chair
Stephanie Gustys

STAFF: Stephen Rice, Supervisor Major Parks, West Parks
Alana Tapper, Superintendent Park West
Liam Power, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 28, 2021

MOVED by Janet Dyson, seconded by Erin Allen

THAT the minutes of January 28, 2021 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Jake Dambergs, seconded by Alex Smith

THAT the order of business be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The Legislative Assistant noted that correspondence was received from Emily Secord, President of Orienteering Nova Scotia.

Alana Tapper, Superintendent with Parks West, noted staff can reach out to the group and have them fill out a parks intake form, then review it with Parks Policy and Planning, provided staff had support from the committee.

The committee agreed that was the best course of action and asked Tapper to follow up with the correspondence.

7.2 Petitions – NONE

7.3 Presentations – NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Discussion on park usage, signage, and compliance

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff handout dated March 1, 2021
- A staff handout received March 4, 2021
- A staff handout entitled barbecue signage

Stephen Rice, Supervisor Major Parks, West Parks, provided an update on operations of Point Pleasant Park by referring to a handout circulated to the Committee with a special focus on signage in the park. Staff noted feedback from the committee would be compiled by the Clerk's Office and sent to staff as one single package.

The committee discussed signage that was more welcoming that could encourage more park users and noted positive outreach to the community might increase park attendance.

The committee members discussed the increase in motorized scooters being used in the park and the roles signs could play in decreasing motorized vehicles that are not used to make the park more accessible for users.

Councillor Mason noted that it might be helpful for staff to review 311 data on complaints to help guide what signage might be useful in the park.

9.1.2 Discussion regarding food vending in Point Pleasant Park

Alana Tapper, Superintendent Park West with Parks and Recreation, provided an update on food vending in Point Pleasant Park noting there is currently interest from two groups. Tapper noted the issue right now is a matter of amending bylaws and ensuring vendors have access to potable water. Tapper noted this would continue to be an ongoing conversation.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 6, 2021

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Liam Power
Legislative Assistant