

Request for Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee Consideration

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Date of Meeting: January 5, 2017

Subject: Request from Sable Island Institute

Motion for Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee to Consider:

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.

Reason:

The Sable Island Institute is a multidisciplinary organization working towards the establishment of a centre that will bring the natural and cultural values and legacy of Sable Island to the public through programs of research, conservation, and education. The requested use of the Lodge would apply to the period of the centre's development and is not under consideration as a future home for the centre itself. The Institute, presently in its first year of development, will provide access to resources for people studying and/or working on the island, as well as enhancement of the visitor experience for those travelling to the Sable Island National Park Reserve. For the many people who will not be able to visit Sable, the Institute will provide an opportunity to learn about, and connect with, the island through ecological, historical and cultural research projects.

The Point Pleasant Park Superintendent's Lodge is not currently occupied or consistently programmed. The venue has most recently been used to host an artist-in-residence program (2010-2013) managed by the Municipality's Culture and Events division (previously Cultural Affairs). The use of the Lodge, if the Institute's request is successful, would be structured through a facility use agreement under Administrative Order 58.

Outcome Sought:

To enhance the program offerings in Point Pleasant Park and to support the innovative public access to research and information related to Sable Island (itself a national park located within the political boundaries of the Halifax Regional Municipality, District 7) in a manner that is consistent with the us and natural setting of the Park, and with the previous arts and cultural programming of the building.

Councillor Waye Mason

District 7