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Item No. 13.2.1
Halifax and West Community Council
July 30, 2018

TO: Chair and Members of Halifax and West Community Council

-Original Signed-

SUBMITTED BY:

Patrick Larter, Chair Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

DATE: June 4, 2018

SUBJECT: Lease of Point Pleasant Park Lodge

ORIGIN

Motion passed by the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee at a meeting held May 3, 2018.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 1 of the Terms of Reference of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee which states that the mandate of the Committee includes tasks such as “to advise the municipality on the management and evolution of the Park.”

Section 7.1 of the Terms of Reference of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee which states: Significant issues, plans and programs affecting Point Pleasant Park shall be referred to the PPPAC for its consideration and recommendations to Halifax & West Community Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax and West Community Council:

1. endorse an extension of a 1-year lease of Point Pleasant Park Lodge to the Sable Island Institute, ending February 28, 2019
2. request a staff report on the best use of the Lodge in meeting the goals of the Point Pleasant Park Comprehensive Plan.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee received a presentation from the Sable Island Institute, who presently lease the Lodge. The Committee was very supportive of the Institute's work.

Staff asked for the Committee's support in endorsing a 10-year less than market value lease to the Sable Island Institute.

The Committee asked if there has been any other interest in using the space and if the public had been given an opportunity to submit proposals to lease the Lodge. The Committee would support going ahead with the lease for another year but would like to determine if there might be others interested in the space or alternatively if it could be used by HRM as a park amenity. The Committee would like to ensure it is used in the best interest of the Park.

Staff confirmed that the lease is continuing with the same terms and conditions quarterly until a less than market value lease is in place. It was also noted that Parks Canada has sent the Institute a letter of support. At present staff is unaware of any other interest in the Lodge. A 10-year less than market value lease is the standard being used by HRM for not for profit leases.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Any financial implications would be identified in a future staff report

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risks identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the Halifax and West Community Council and is comprised of ten members of the public and one duly elected member of Regional Council. The meetings are open to the public and the agendas and minutes are posted online in advance of the meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Committee did not provide alternatives

ATTACHMENTS

None

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