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MEMORANDUM

TO: Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee
FROM: Steve Rice, Supervisor Major Parks West
DATE: November 4, 2021
SUBJECT: **PPP Operations Update**

Update on projects:

- Most of the deteriorated stone wall was removed from the perimeter of the Tower Rd parking lot and replaced with wooden posts and cable.
- Drainage repairs (new culvert installations) at the bottom of Tower hill and Ogilvie rd.
- Signage – New style off leash rules, pick up after your pets and bike etiquette signage installed. Others are still in the works for printing.
- Stone wall repair starting at the entrance to Birch Rd. at the Point Pleasant Drive entrance.

Forestry Management Plan:

- Phase 3 thinning on hold this year, plan to complete in the fall of 2022.

Winter operations:

5 staff are exempt from the TPW winter works program to focus on parks west winter maintenance. The plowing and maintenance of PPP is top priority with approximately 30 other sites also being maintained.

Sanding for ice control is the task that takes up the most time vs. actual plowing. With the constant freeze/thaw cycle often the park must be sanded several times on repetitive days as it melts during the day and re-freezes overnight. We often can't plow to bare gravel as this causes extensive damage to the road surface. Only main graveled roads are maintained, not the smaller footpaths.

See attachments:

- o Parks winter operation guidelines.
- o Point Pleasant Park plow map.
- o List of Park sites in west that are winter maintained.

Stephen Rice.
Supervisor Major Parks.

HRM PARKS SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

To promote healthy and livable communities it is necessary to keep parks and their facilities accessible during the winter. The safety of park visitors and staff is top priority. Point Pleasant and Shubie parks are the only 2 regional parks that receive full servicing during the winter months, along with Fairview, Camp Hill, Mount Herman and St. Peters cemeteries. In addition, approximately 48 parking lots (27 in West and 21 in East) are plowed. A combination of plow trucks and utility vehicles equipped with spreaders and snow blowers are the typical equipment used. After snow clearing has been completed, crusher dust (fine gravel) is typically spread on non-paved parking lots, roadways and trails, while salt is used on paved parking lots to reduce slip hazards.

GUIDELINES

- These guidelines are in effect from November 15 to April 15.
- The requirement for snow removal activities may not be needed for events giving 5 cm or less of accumulation.
- The ability to meet these guidelines is not expected when a snow event delivers 25 cm or more of accumulation.
- The snow event stop time will be determined by the Superintendent of winter operations and posted to the Halifax.ca website. This time will be used as the baseline to achieve these parks guidelines as well as the Transportation and Public Works service standards.
- The clock shall be reset and guideline expectations start over again when an additional 5 cm or more of snow has fallen or been blown in by strong winds after the snow event stop time.
- The push back or removal of site line obstructions caused by snow clearing activities will be done as resources and time allows.
- In the event of multiple machinery breakdowns all efforts will be put in place to meet the above guidelines however they may only be achievable once resources and time allows.
- Plowing operations do not occur during extreme weather conditions (blizzards, ice storms) or at night.



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PARKS WEST SNOW & ICE CLEARING LIST

P1 POINT PLEASANT PARK

P1 FAIRVIEW CEMETERY - 3720 Windsor St

P1 CAMPHILL CEMETERY - 1600 Summer St

P1 HORSESHOE ISLAND- 7000 Quinpool Rd

P1 CONROSE - 6510 Jubilee Rd

P1 DINGLE CANTEEN PARKING LOT

P1 FROG POND PARKING LOT

P1 GRAVES OAKLEY PARK - 100 Leiblin Dr

P1 FORT NEEDHAM - Union St Parking

P1 WESTRIDGE DRIVE - End of Westridge Dr

P1 SEAVIEW PARK - 5399 Africville Rd

P1 LONG LAKE PROV. PARK - St Marg Bay Rd

P2 CHOCOLATE LAKE BEACH - 3 Melwood Ave

P2 J. ALBERT WALKER PARK - 300 Cowie Hill Rd

P2 STANLEY PARK - 56 Tamarack Dr

P2 HARTLEN PARK - 25 Lois Ln

P2 ARDMORE PARK parking lot - 6424 Almon Street

P2 HEART SHAPED POND parking lot - Kent Ave.

P2 CASTLEHILL PARK - 22 Castlehill Dr

P2 KEARNEY LAKE - 15 Hamshaw Dr

P2 GLENBOURNE - 655 Parkland Dr

P2 TRANSOM PARK - 46 Transom Dr

P2 STARBOARD PARK - 41 Starboard Dr

P2 TREMONT PLATEAU - Knightsbridge Entrance

P2 BLUFF TRAIL - 2890 St Margarets Bay Rd

P2 LONG POND - Across from #916 Herring Cove rd.

P3 ACORN RD PARK - 30 Acorn Rd

P3 RAVENSCRAIG PARK - 15 Ravencraig Dr

P3 ROACHES POND - 610 Herring Cove Rd

P3 MELVILLE ISLAND PARK - 76 Purcells Cove Rd