

MEMORANDUM

TO: Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee
FROM: Ian Kennedy, Supervisor Major Parks West
DATE: August 25th, 2022
SUBJECT: **Point Pleasant Park Operations Update**

The supervisor of Major Parks West is responsible for; 5 parks (Point Pleasant Park, Hemlock Ravine, Sir Sandford Fleming, Shaw Wilderness Park and Mainland Common/Linear Park), 2 cemeteries (Camp Hill and Fairview) as well as providing Civic Event support as a member of the Special Events Taskforce. In a typical season, seasonal and student staff return in early May bringing the total staff compliment to fourteen (14).

Ongoing regular maintenance typically includes daily garbage and litter pick-up, road/drainage maintenance, grass whipping and mowing, selected removal of invasive plant species, and the repair and painting of park benches and litter bins. As well staff is responsible for snow plowing/ sanding of main roads in winter months, along with 30 other locations outside of PPP. Staff this season has focused efforts on cutting trails back and opening the canopy, along with removal of limbs of concern. In August guardrail maintenance was taken on, and large section was replaced on Pine Road. Road work remediation in preparation for the upcoming Storm and Winter Season will commence as operations move forward into the fall.

Due to sustained COVID-19 impacts, the movement and shortage of staff during the 2022 Season, and the position of Supervisor being vacant for most of the Spring, the level of attention to projects outside of the essential daily maintenance was unfortunately a struggle to meet, especially with the added Special Events Task Force requirements. Now we have only recently met staff requirements for Full-Time employees (5 Staff Members) but have also been at a deficit in terms of Student and Seasonal staff throughout the Spring Summer Season. Moving into the 2023 Spring/Summer Season we aim to have staff back to the level necessary to meet PPP care and maintenance demands.

Operations projects completed or to be completed in 2022:

- New Culvert installed between Black Rock Beach and Bonaventure Anchor. Necessary to alleviate flooding and road damage along Shore Rd. and maintain proper drainage in storm events.
- 4 Speed Bumps to be installed in Lower Parking Lot to reduce speeding and prevent future damage to Park amenities.
- Stretch from Shakespeare By the Sea to the Bottom of Point Pleasant Drive to be Paved to fix asphalt seam, and potholes to prevent future damage to vehicles.
- Phase 2 of the forestry thinning project was completed in fall 2020, and the tender will go out again this Fall for the remaining 10 ha. (Phase 3 of 3).

Future Capital projects (with anticipated start dates):

- Regional Council approved funding for the design of Point Pleasant Park shoreline improvements – staff are planning to issue a Request for Proposal for the design activities in 2022

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