

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee  
FROM: Ian Kennedy, Supervisor Major Parks West  
DATE: Thursday May 4th, 2023  
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 Linear Trail), 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. During Winter Staff is responsible for plowing and sanding of main roads in the park, along with 30 other locations outside of PPP. The removal of aging, hazardous, and invasive trees on behalf of staff and urban forestry has continued into the Spring Season. Numerous trees identified and removed along park perimeter, parking lots, and roadways.

The operation has seen a shortage in staff over the Winter and Spring due to reasons beyond our control, but Point Pleasant remains priority in our focus. Seasonal staff has returned this Week, but we have yet to meet full requirement of staffing - Ongoing hiring should see these vacancies filled to meet the operational demands of Point Pleasant Park. Unfortunately there will be no Student Staff this Summer season, but the operation will endeavour as always. With Summer approaching our operation is preparing for the Special Events season, and our obligations as a part of the Special Events Taskforce.

Operations projects completed or to be completed in 2023:

- NSCAD 'Resonant Grounds' now in place within Point Pleasant Park – Installations will be present until May 25, 2023. Signage posted in the park to facilitate interaction with installations.
- Additional infrastructure to be installed to increase signage regarding On-Leash /Off-Leash Bylaws - Response to ongoing service requests on the matter.
- Access Road to Northwest Arm along Pumping Station to be filled in for regrowth this Spring. Unofficial trailway created for manhole construction that currently crosses private land.
- Decorative Lamppost in Lower Parking Lot Replaced April 2023.
- Barrier Gate installed at Upper Parking Lot entrance to facilitate operational demands. Repair of Lower Lot Barrier Gate that sustained damage in 2022 is awaiting repair.
- 4 Speed Bumps planned for installation Summer 2023 in Lower Parking Lot to reduce speeding and prevent future damage to Park amenities.
- Focus on Road work for areas requiring extensive regrading, and additional material. This is both to maintain roadway integrity, and to prepare for NAIG Cross Country Race in July.
- Phases 1 and 2 of the Forestry Thinning Project are since Completed as of Fall 2020. No Tender will be issued for Phase 3 in 2023, as this project was cut from the Budget. Completion planned for Fall 2024.

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