



MEMORANDUM

TO: Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee
FROM: Ian Kennedy, Supervisor Major Parks West
DATE: May 2nd, 2024
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 focused removal of aging, hazardous, and invasive trees on behalf of staff continues through the Spring and will increase through the Summer Season. Identifying invasive species such as Rosa Multiflora, and Japanese Knotweed patches as they resurface in the coming weeks and planning for removal projects over Summer months. Increased focus on road maintenance to remediate wear from plowing during Winter operations. Resurfacing of trails and roads throughout PPP, patching persistent wash outs, and adjusting grade for drainage – This maintenance is essential to combat the possibility of a rainy season like the one seen in the 2023 floods. Our seasonal and student staff return as of May 6th 2024, and Major Parks looks forward to both new and returning members of our team.

Operations projects completed or to be completed in 2024:

- Targeted Masonry work on exterior stone walls that have degraded or been damaged by vehicles. (Summer 2024)
- Forestry Thinning Project Final Phase (Fall 2024)
- 2 additional culverts to be installed along Sailor's Memorial Way – Lower Parking Lot Park Entrance & Bottom of Prince of Wales (Spring/Summer 2024)
- Working with HRM Contract Supervisor on a Capital Proposal for resurfacing and regrading of major roadways in PPP – Cambridge, Shore, and Sailor's Memorial

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