

MEMORANDUM

TO: Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee
FROM: Ian Kennedy, Supervisor Major Parks West
DATE: May 1st, 2025

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 into the Spring Season. Trail cutbacks continue to take place throughout the park where necessary, as well as removal of Trees that have stability compromised during the winter months. Regular road and trail maintenance will commence through the Spring, Summer and Fall to repair areas that have considerable material loss due to Winter Maintenance operations, and Spring rain run off – This is essential for roadway integrity and user safety. Amenities such as picnic tables and benches removed during Winter months are now being returned to their locations throughout the park. Repairs and painting of these amenities will be ongoing during Spring and Summer. Portable toilets have also returned in both Upper and Lower lots, as well as the shore and Cambridge Battery.

We have recently filled our full-time staff vacancy, bringing us back to our count of 5 Year-round Staff members. As of May 6th. Seasonal and Student staff will return to the Park for the 2025 Season – A full compliment of Staff is expected this Year. This return of Staff will benefit the operation and bolster our ability to take on full scope of required maintenance in PPP and other Major Parks responsibilities.

Operations projects completed or to be completed in 2025:

- Repair of Parking Lot gates and amenities damaged during Winter Season
- Maintenance on Stone Wall entrances around PPP perimeter.
- Working with HRM Contract Supervisor on a Capital Proposal for resurfacing and regrading of major roadways in PPP – Cambridge, Shore, and Sailor's Memorial