

MEMORANDUM

TO: Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee
FROM: Ian Kennedy, Supervisor Major Parks West
DATE: Thursday June 26th, 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 Arborist continues into the Summer Season. Trail cutbacks continue to take place throughout the park where necessary, as well as removal of Trees that pose a potential hazard to the Public. Urban Forestry has commenced an ongoing effort to mitigate these risks on Trees that are outside of our operations capacity. Regular road and trail maintenance continues, especially in response to Spring and Summer rainfall - This maintenance is essential for roadway integrity and user safety. Additional material and resurfacing of foot paths continue, as well as bringing gravel surfacing to established 'dirt paths' throughout Park for user benefit and run off prevention. Repairs and Painting of Park benches and picnic tables has commenced and will continue through to the Fall season.

Seasonal and Student hires have been filled for the Season - The return of Seasonal Staff is a benefit to the operation and bolsters 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:

- Removal of Silt and Gravel build up in Quarry Pond
- Maintenance on Stone Wall entrances around PPP perimeter.
- Installation of CoastReach photo stands along Shoreline.