

MEMORANDUM

TO: Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee
FROM: Ian Kennedy, Supervisor Major Parks West
DATE: Thursday September 4th, 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 continued into the Summer Season until the recent Woods Ban. Trail cutbacks were taken on in July throughout the park where necessary. Essential road and trail maintenance continued through July as well, along with surfacing footpaths and access points to alleviate trip hazards, prevent run-off and drainage issues, and create consistency throughout the park. Due to the current Woods Ban in place by the Provincial Government operations in August have adapted in response to the conditions. During this time, we are continuing with repair of amenities and infrastructure in the park such as benches, barriers, and culverts. We are also maintaining efforts to mitigate fire risk within the park by continuing litter removal and hauling brush piles out from our central work pit. Efforts to keep public out of Point Pleasant continue daily by keeping in place barricades and signage at all entrances to wooded areas of Point Pleasant. Student hires have now ended their contracts, while Seasonal staff remains until the end of October.

Operations projects completed or to be completed in 2025:

- Replacement of Quarry Pond Bridge (Complete).
- Installation of 2 AED Machines in PPP Parking Lots.
- 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.