

MEMORANDUM

TO: Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee
 FROM: Adam Cornick, Superintendent Parks West
 DATE: Wednesday November 5th, 2025

SUBJECT: Point Pleasant Park Operations Update

The Supervisor of Major Parks West is responsible for operations in five major park sites — Point Pleasant Park, Hemlock Ravine, Sir Sandford Fleming, Shaw Wilderness Park, and the Linear Trail — as well as two cemeteries (Camp Hill and Fairview), and provides civic event support as part of the Special Events Taskforce.

During the active season, the team expands to a total of fourteen (14) staff with the return of seasonal and student employees in early May. Regular maintenance activities include daily litter collection, garbage removal, road and drainage upkeep, grass whipping and mowing, selective invasive plant removal, and the repair and painting of benches, picnic tables, and litter bins. In the winter months, staff are responsible for plowing and sanding the main park roads in addition to approximately thirty other designated locations outside Point Pleasant Park.

The focused removal of aging, hazardous, and invasive trees continues into the fall season. Staff have identified invasive species such as *Rosa multiflora* and Japanese knotweed for targeted removal projects scheduled throughout the coming months. Trail cutbacks and crown-raising in low canopy areas are ongoing, along with increased attention to road surface repair to address wear caused by winter plowing operations.

Trail and road resurfacing projects continue throughout the park to address persistent washouts and improve drainage. These efforts are critical to prevent the type of damage experienced during the 2023 flood season. Ongoing priorities include drainage maintenance, invasive species management, forest health initiatives, and the upkeep of park amenities — all consistent with the objectives outlined in the Point Pleasant Park Comprehensive Plan.

With the conclusion of the seasonal work term, the team extends its appreciation to students and seasonal staff for their contributions to maintaining the park's high standards. Preparations are now underway for winter operations, including the plowing and sanding of the main trail network.

Operations Projects Completed or Scheduled for 2025:

- Replacement of Quarry Pond Bridge (**Complete**)
- Installation of two (2) AED machines in the parking lots
- Maintenance and restoration of stone wall entrances around the park perimeter (**Complete**)
- Installation of CoastReach photo stands along the shoreline
- Installation of electric vehicle charging stations in the lower parking lot