



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 2, 2017**

PRESENT: Ann Boswick, Vice Chair
Karen Ross
Patrick Larter
Krista Daley

REGRETS: Councillor Waye Mason
Paula Minnikin, Chair
Michael Gerrior
Colleen Paschal

STAFF: Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant, Office of the Municipal Clerk
Michael Lannon, Legislative Support, Office of the Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ann Boswick, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm in The Ballroom Gallery, Universalist Unitarian Church of Canada, 5500 Inglis Street, Halifax.

1.1 History Note

Ann Boswick noted that the golden gates were manufactured by the Star Manufacturing Company of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Put in place Saturday September 21st, 1886, the gates were financed by Sir William Young, for whom the extension of South Park Street was named.

Ann Boswick also noted that the gates were the official entrance to the park until the 1940s when Miller Street became Pleasant Drive. Furthermore, Ann Boswick noted that in 1966, to accommodate the widening of Young Ave, the gate pillars were moved further apart; today, if those gates were to be closed there would exist an 11ft gap between the center of the two gates.

The Vice Chair noted that they would like to see within the next two years something done associated with the two summer houses located near the points of Pine Rd. and Shore Rd. Brought aboard the "Ashantea" from Glasgow Scotland on March 30th, 1883, the two podiums were previously used for park functions.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 7, 2017

MOVED by Patrick Larter, seconded by Karen Ross

THAT the minutes of September 7, 2017 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Karen Ross, seconded by Krista Daley

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence – NONE

7.2 Petitions - NONE

7.3 Presentation - NONE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD- NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Update from Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks

The Legislative Assistant read aloud the notes provided by Stephen Rice, Supervisor Major Parks.

- Currently developing winter works guidelines for parks and will be posting information on the municipality website in due course
- There will be over 30 sites serviced in the Western Region with a complete list of sites being placed on the municipality's website in due course
- There will not be any changes to the servicing of Point Pleasant Park but the public gardens will be plowed this year
- The Halifax Water Sewer line upgrade project is still going ahead with early activity taking place within the next two weeks.
- The wall near the Park Place Theatre will be taken down to accommodate the upgrade project and will be reinstated after completion
- There will be a survey on biking on the weekend in Point Pleasant Park on the municipality's website by mid-November and will be used to inform decision makers for the upcoming spring
- Over the next three weeks, tree-removal, branch cutting etc. will be taking place periodically at the park

The Vice Chair noted that they had not heard anything negative associated with biking that had taken place in Point Pleasant Park over the weekend trial period. Some concern for bikers going off-trail was mentioned though the consensus was that biking on weekend in the park is a great idea.

The committee expressed some curiosity into the cause of the dead trees that will be removed from the park over the next three weeks though no formal variable was identified.

The Vice Chair also noted that they had not heard a response into the inquiry of plantation being uprooted by parks users and the suggestion to place signs that remind park users not to pick plantation in the park. The Legislative Assistant noted to the Vice Chair that they would inform Stephen Rice of their inquiry. The Legislative Assistant noted that the suggestion to place signs indicating to park users not to uproot any plantation from the park is currently going through the process of approval. After the motion passed by the Committee on March 2, 2017, the Halifax and West Community Council approved a motion to request a staff report at the meeting held on March 22, 2017. When the staff report is complete it will be presented to the Halifax and West Community Council for their consideration.

Krista Daley inquired about the bathroom needing repairs in which the Legislative Assistant noted they would forward the inquiry to Stephen Rice, Supervisor Major Parks.

The Vice Chair noted that a friend had called to inquire about memorial park benches. The Legislative Assistant noted that Stephen Rice, Supervisor Major Parks, had been informed of the inquiry and that a strategy was being brought forward. The Legislative Assistant noted that they would request that Stephen Rice discuss this topic in further detail at the next meeting.

Patrick Larter noted that there was a dog virus going around and asked if there was any information on the park website about such a virus. The Legislative Assistant noted they would inform Stephen Rice, Supervisor Major Parks, of the request.

9.1.2 Proposed 2018 Meeting Schedule

The Committee agreed to the proposed 2018 meeting schedule.

MOVED by Patrick Larter, seconded by Krista Daley

THAT the proposed 2018 meeting schedule be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 COMMITTEE

9.2.1 Shilling Ceremony

The Vice Chair opened the floor to discussion on the date for the 2018 Shilling Ceremony. The Vice Chair noted that they believed a Sunday around 2:00pm would be an appropriate time. Considering the marathon that takes place near the 20th of May the suggestion of May 27th 2018 was brought forwarded.

MOVED by Krista Daley, seconded by Patrick Larter

THAT the 2018 Shilling Ceremony will take place May 27th 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Karen Ross, seconded by Patrick Larter

THAT the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee accept the “Shilling Ceremony 2017” report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.2 Recommendation to Halifax and West Community Council regarding upcoming Committee appointment

The Legislative Assistant noted that the Chair of the Committee, Paula Minnikin, had wanted the Committee to consider constructing some criteria for selecting new committee members which the Halifax and West Community Council can consider when appointing new committee members.

MOVED by Krista Daley, seconded by Patrick Larter

THAT the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee recommend that the Halifax and West Community Council consider the following criteria when appointing new members to the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee:

- **Diversity with respect to age, gender, and ethnic background, with an emphasis on including members of the indigenous community;**
- **Knowledge of plant biology or forestry;**
- **Historical knowledge;**
- **Preference to urban planning students;**
- **Including residents who may not be local to the area;**
- **Including short- and long-term park users.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.3 Project Updates

Patrick Larter noted that a mobile app for Point Pleasant Park would be a useful tool for users of the park and the public. Patrick Larter noted that a recommendation should be brought forwarded to Community Council that the municipality develop such a tool or that a survey be publicized requesting input from community members for a Point Pleasant Park mobile app.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 4:30pm, The Ballroom Gallery,
Universalist Unitarian Church of Canada, 5500 Inglis Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:12pm

Michael Lannon
Legislative Support