

Mission

The Point Pleasant Park advisory committee recommends to the community council the development and implementation of a Point Pleasant Park mobile App. First step to achieve this goal would be the recommendation to conduct a survey to the general public on the viability of this app.

Background and Purpose

Point Pleasant Park is the flagship park in HRM and plays a critical role in the overall experience of the municipality.

There have been many requests over the past several years to either hold park tours or arrange volunteers to educate the public on the biodiversity, military history, aboriginal history, and colonial history of the Park. There is also a need to have the rules and regulations of the park made more easily accessible for park users. Thus, developing a mobile app helps meet these goals, as well as having the rules of the park be accessible anywhere in the park, and could save printing costs of signage, if applicable.

We have also been approached by the Military Historical society about documenting and sharing the military history of the park.

Goals

To provide information and guidance to park visitors, such as the rules of the park, with minimal human involvement.

To provide education on the historical, cultural, and ecological aspects of the park to park, as well as advice on the preservation of these aspects.

To provide opportunities for interested stakeholders with stories to tell about the park to share those stories.

Other Notes:

The Ecology Action Centre Bio Blitz event in September offers a unique, collaborative opportunity to obtain a vast amount of catalogued ecological data of the park through the iNaturalist App.

Several other significant parks have mobile apps that highlight park features, news, and other information. Some example parks include Kootenay National Park, Banff National Park, Central Park (New York), and Rouge National Urban Park.

To further highlight the need to get more information on the park available, Point Pleasant Park is not even in the Parks Canada App (just the Prince of Wales Tower).

On behalf of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

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