



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 7, 2019**

PRESENT: Denton Froese, Chair
Ian Austen
John Price
Brian MacDonald
Kelsey Redding
Daniel Flood
Colleen Paschal
Stephanie Gustys
Chidiebere Maduakolam
Councillor Waye Mason

REGRETS: Susan Summerby-Murray, Vice Chair

STAFF: Stephen Rice, Supervisor Major Parks
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant, Office of the Municipal Clerk
Sharon Chase, Legislative Support, Office of the Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. at Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 10, 2019

MOVED by John Price, seconded by Colleen Paschal

THAT the minutes of January 10, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Colleen Paschal, seconded by Stephanie Gustys

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

7.1.1 Correspondence was received from Gordon and Jane Brown, dated February 11, 2019.

The Committee considered the correspondence regarding memorial benches in Point Pleasant Park. The current Civic Awards program does not include Point Pleasant Park or the Public Gardens. Stephen Rice provided some background and indicated that it would have to be considered under an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan. It could also be addressed as the Operations Plan is being developed. The Legislative Assistant will reply to the Browns with this information.

7.1.2 Correspondence was received from Sang-gye Buschmann, dated March 4, 2019.

The Committee considered the correspondence regarding off-leash dogs that are not under their owner's control. It was noted that this concern tends to be cyclical in nature and that reinforcement of the A-700 Animal By-law is needed. The Committee suggested that park patrols, signage and expanding the "no dog" area along the harbor on weekends may be options; along with an enforcement drive with an education piece using public service announcements. Councillor Mason will contact enforcement and will report back to the Committee at the next meeting. The Legislative Assistant will reply to Sang-gye with this information.

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation

7.3.1 The Point Coffee Shop – Ossama Nasrallah

Ossama Nasrallah presented to the Committee, a copy of this presentation is on file. The Point Coffee Shop concept was reviewed where a coffee shop would be operated from a 20-foot custom designed

container and be located in the lower parking lot. The proposal highlighted: store design, product offerings, marketing plans along with a sustainable strategic plan. Nasrallah shared the proposed operating season and hours. Details of the container and site were also shared. An estimation of the projects timeline was presented. Nasrallah concluded the presentation by asking for the Committee's endorsement of the idea.

The Committee discussed the proposal noting the timelines necessary for a contract negotiation and what would be involved. They identified that washroom availability and garbage collection would be important considerations. Many ideas and initiatives to address these concerns were shared. Rice confirmed that there is no water supply at the proposed location. The Committee valued the focus on sustainability. Nasrallah answered Committee questions about the approach taken when creating their business plan and shared some forecasted numbers. The design and aesthetic were also appreciated. Rice reviewed existing bylaws and it was noted that there may be technical tweaks required under both the parks and vending bylaws.

MOVED by Ian Austen, seconded by Brian MacDonald

THAT having heard the presentation, the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee supports the proposal as presented, and in particular:

- **The Committee appreciates the environmental commitment to sustainable business models;**
- **The Committee appreciates the aesthetics of the structure's exterior construction; and**
- **The Committee appreciates the proposal's concern and awareness of seasonal issues pertaining to a proposed three-year business model**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Operations Update

Stephen Rice, Supervisor Major Parks, provided an update to the Committee. It has been a challenging winter with a focus on garbage, snow and ice. 51 tons of a mixture of crusher dust and 20% salt has been used so far this year. In May seasonal students will join the team of 5 full-time staff, making a team of 10 for the 5 major parks. There are no big capital projects in the works. The outstanding light standards will get done; 13 site markers, signage and kiosks will be refurbished and road work will continue with the replacement of culverts and drains.

9.1.2 Update on the Point Pleasant Lodge Report

Stephen Rice provided an update to the Committee. On March 5, 2019 Regional Council approved the 1-year extension of the lease for Point Pleasant Lodge to the Sable Island Institute. A staff report will be prepared for Council on the best use of Point Pleasant Lodge. Council also approved the staff recommendation report on the enhancing the park's website for park users. It will be developed using a story board similar to the Fort Needham site. Corporate Communications is working on its development with a goal to launch the site in late summer.

9.1.3 New Member Orientation

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff presentation dated March 7, 2019

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Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant, shared an Advisory Board and Committee Orientation presentation. A copy of this presentation is on file. The Committee's role and mandate were reviewed along with their terms of reference, and the relevance of the Point Pleasant Park Comprehensive Plan. Simon Ross-Siegel also reviewed the role of the Chair, quorum, conflicts of interest, the agenda, the components of a committee meeting, and member conduct guidelines.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS- NONE

10. ADDED ITEMS

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 2, 2019

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Sharon Chase
Legislative Support