



**POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 7, 2017**

PRESENT: Paula Minnikin, Chair
Ann Boswick, Vice Chair
Councillor Wayne Mason
Colleen Paschal
Patrick Larter
Chelsea Crouse

REGRETS: Michael Gerrior
Karen Ross
Krista Daley

STAFF: Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks
Lori McKinnon, Acting Municipal Clerk
Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant, Office of the Municipal Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m., and adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. in The Ballroom Gallery, Universalist Unitarian Church of Canada, 5500 Inglis Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 16, 2017

This matter was dealt with following items 3 and 9.2.1. See below for details.

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

The Committee agreed to a request to consider item 9.2.1 as the first order of business.

MOVED by Ann Boswick, seconded by Colleen Paschal

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2.1 History Note

Ann Boswick noted that there is correspondence from 1828 in which Lucy Maud Montgomery confirmed that Point Pleasant Park was the backdrop to her novel *Anne of the Island*. Boswick read a passage describing “Kingsport” (Halifax) and “the park” that Anne liked to visit with her friends.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 16, 2017

MOVED by Colleen Paschal, seconded by Patrick Larter

THAT the minutes of May 16, 2017 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

The Committee shared that since the last meeting, the Shilling Ceremony was successfully held with good public attendance and participation of the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and the Deputy Mayor of Halifax. Ann Boswick read a brief report summarizing the event. The Committee expressed interest in making the report available to the public.

The Chair thanked Ann Boswick for the hard work involved in bringing the event together and for preparing the report for the Committee.

The Chair noted that the BioBlitz referenced in the previous minutes will be held on September 16th.

- 5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**
- 6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
- 7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE**
- 8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**
- 9. REPORTS**

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Update from Stephen Rice, Supervisor, Major Parks

Stephen Rice provided the following updates:

- The lower parking lot project could not get tendered in time for construction to begin this year, however staff are hopeful that by delaying the project there may be an opportunity to address the old canteen and washrooms;
- There was a trial project undertaken in 2017 to attempt to control the invasive Multiflora Rosa issue in the park through total removal including the roots. Over 100 plants were removed. Staff are preparing a report to Halifax and West Community Council to consider the next steps;
- Staff are still waiting for the final timeline for the Northwest Arm sewer project to be based around the pumping station;
- The weekend bicycling pilot seemed to be successful with only a handful of complaints received. Rice noted that there were some issues of speed, but no reported collisions. The committee noted that there was some confusion regarding the placement of the “no bicycles” sign near the fountain. Rice advised that a report will be prepared for the Halifax and West Community Council;
- Staff are placing the Point Pleasant Park Gazebos on the wish list for next year’s capital budget, for consideration by Regional Council.

The committee entered a brief discussion regarding the fountain. Rice advised that there are ongoing discussions regarding a strategy for fountains in parks.

The committee also noted that the outhouses by the Sailors Memorial and the Tower need to be replaced, but can’t be replaced by new outhouses. Rice advised that the discussion is ongoing to develop a regional washroom strategy.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9.2.1 History Note

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting. Please see page 2 for details.

9.2.2 Project Updates

The Chair led a discussion on the projects agreed to last meeting.

Developing a touring mobile application for visitors to the park:

- The committee noted that they have completed some research on available applications and developed a draft project charter.
- A brief discussion was held noting that the app should represent many kinds of park history, from the military history to its use in the works of Lucy Maud Montgomery.

It was noted that there will be meaningful updates on all project charters at the next meeting.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 2, 2017

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Phoebe Rai
Legislative Assistant