

PPPAC Workshop 2007 Notes – Thursday, April 12th, St. Andrews Recreation Centre
Present: Kim, Stewart, Brian, Allan, Janet, Virginia)

Only two PPPAC members attended, so we were unable to undertake a planning session. In lieu of developing an annual plan, we identified issues that relate to the Park and to the PPPAC. Other Committee members may wish to suggest additions or modifications.

Issues regarding Point Pleasant Park

The physical park:

Biological:

- the trees and shrubs,
- the soil (and its health),
- fauna, and
- general ecology

Geophysical:

- waterfront erosion (stabilization, protection?),
- water movement (along ditches, through culverts, etc. *versus* erosion), and
- water retention (holding ponds *versus* swampy areas)

Historical/cultural:

- fortifications,
- monuments, and
- Mi'kmaq sites

Governance of park operations:

- no one agency appears to be in overall charge,
- little enforcement, confusion over jurisdictions (e.g., for dogs, bicycle, smoking infringements),
- lack of knowledge about who to call for different issues (e.g., dogs, dirty or locked washrooms),
- weak communication among five HRM business units responsible for the Park,
- need better system for distributing information to key people within HRM, and
- need for public information to be placed on specific sites in the park

Issues regarding Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee

PPPAC membership:

- method of selecting members,
- succession planning, and
- new-member orientation package

Process:

- clear mandate (Should the TOR be reviewed? Have they been approved by council?),
- process within the committee structure, issue identification, etc.,
- record-taking, archival support (agenda and minutes – electronic and hard copy),
- participation and commitment of committee members,
- type of meeting, length and number of meetings, time of day, and
- effectiveness of advisory role – Are there other options?

Communication:

- between PPPAC and various HRM business units, and within HRM business units,
- among PPPAC members (emails, phone calls between meetings), and
- Not having the appropriate HRM staff members at PPPAC meetings