

NECC RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NUMBER _____
ADDRESSING THE NEED TO CREATE PARK WARDENS

Whereas the Assembly Committee on Homelessness has been entertaining a 12 Point Proposal promoted by the community to reduce homeless camps, and

Whereas that proposal recommends hiring or assigning a Parks and Rec code enforcement officer to continuously monitor public spaces to identify illegal camps, and

Whereas the Administration's response to that suggestion was, "This item will be discussed as the Administration and Assembly move through the 2019 budget process. We will work to determine if this idea is where funding should be prioritized, or whether a more swift cleaning process would achieve essentially the same effect.", and

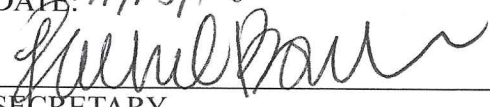
Whereas, the creation of park warden positions with a job description such as that attached would not only address the concerns identified by the communities with respect to homeless camps, but also serve to provide constant monitoring of all aspects of park maintenance, and

Whereas the NECC has adopted a number of resolutions promoting the active monitoring of park conditions, as well as public reportage of the condition of parks and park assets, and


Whereas current GIS initiatives by the MOA would allow a Park Warden monitoring park conditions on foot to geocode any aspect of park conditions simply and easily, and

Whereas less than two FTE wardens on foot (most likely one FTE) could likely patrol, by way of example, all parks between Patterson and Pine, Northern Lights and the Glenn once a week

Now Therefore the NECC resolves that the MOA should authorize a new position description, "Park Warden" with a job description as described by the attached exhibit, for the purposes of monitoring the conditions with our parks, and to employ an adequate number of such wardens so as to ensure all our park land is close observed on foot at least once per week..

DATE: 11/15/18


SECRETARY



PRESIDENT

VOTE: FOR 12 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN 4

Park Warden Job Description

Wardens are responsible for a range of activities that benefit both the natural environment and associated public access and recreation. Their role is to encourage visitors to the Councils green spaces, promote awareness of the natural environment and protect and preserve the green spaces for future enjoyment. There will be a requirement for the Park Warden to work with other personnel on a range of other horticultural, landscape management, arboriculture and grounds maintenance tasks. The tasks can vary and can be broken down into practical and management.

The practical element of this role may include:

- Patrolling sites to encourage responsible enjoyment, reduce crime and protect the public and wildlife
- Managing habitats to maintain favourable conditions for wildlife
- Ensuring footpaths, bridleways and other public access areas are safe
- Making repairs to gates, fences, stiles, walls, footpaths and vegetation management etc.
- Raising awareness of environmental conservation through education and interpretation
- Devising and implementing surveys to monitor wildlife
- engaging in nature conservation, including the implementation of projects at a local level for the protection and creation of habitats
- Engaging in landscape conservation, including the creation of schemes to protect existing features or restore landscapes
- Making environmental assessments and field surveys.
- Delivering activities (educational, adventure etc)
- Promoting responsible use of greenspaces

The management element may involve:

- Assisting with the planning and implementing a variety of environmental and conservation projects, education activities, fundraising, working partnerships and policy development
- Increasing community involvement and participation, for example, by organising activities and projects
- Recruiting and supervising volunteers
- Assisting with developing business plan, site or conservation management plans, marketing and controlling budgets
- Looking at the future of the green spaces and the action that needs to be undertaken in order to protect the natural environment aroundus
- Implementing solutions
- Preparing applications for funding.

Working Conditions:

Wardens typically work full-time. The hours vary depending on the season, with early starts common in the summer months. Weekend (typically 1 weekend in 5) and Holiday work, late evenings and overtime is often required. The work can be physically demanding. Regardless of the season, work can be inside or outdoors in all weathers. A full driving licence is an essential requirement

Personal Qualities

Wardens should be:

- Flexible
- Teamplayers
- Able to work independently
- Energetic

- Able to communicate with the variety of people.

Essential qualification

- Current full driving licence
- Applicable experience
- Practical skills and experience
- Computer literate, technology friendly.

Desirable qualification

- Chainsaw, Pesticides qualification
- Tractor/mowing machine experience and or qualification