

TOWN OF GANANOQUE

AGENDA

TRAILS AND URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE MEETING - JANUARY 15, 2014

LOCATION - PUBLIC WORKS MEETING ROOM, 09:00 - 11:00

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 AM

Opening remarks: by the Chairman on the successes of the past year, and the goals, for the last year of our mandate.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (and any addendum(s) to the Agenda)

3. HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLNESS

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL (adoption)

Review of the minutes of the November 20th meeting and approval.

6. COMMITTEE UPDATES & REPORTS

Long Term Planning

It was decided at the last meeting (November) that the January meeting should have a long term planning theme, which would, it is hoped, set out the format for the sustainability of the work done by this town appointed committee.

It is recognized that eventually the availability of people interested in the trails and trees of Gananoque may decline to the point where there not enough active participants to make functioning viable. It is also recognized that there are two separate but related activities covered by the committee, trees, (the urban forest) and the trails (of Gananoque). It is possible that we should consider these separately when it comes to completing our sustainability plan presentation to Council. The bottom line is that we would like to see Council approve an achievable sustainability plan that will ensure that certain aspects of both activities will be embedded into town policy, whether or not there is a functioning committee.

Goals and Objectives

We need to develop at this meeting, the *basic objectives* for each activity.

Procedures / Processes

As an example; for the trails, there should be a directive from Council to the public works and/or the recreation departments that ensures that an annual maintenance program is implemented. This will include grass cutting, brush and hazard tree removal, bridge inspection and repair, direction signage repair and/or replacement, and foot path maintenance.

For the urban forest, an annual inspection for hazard trees, an annual pruning program, an annual planting program, and a drought maintenance program.

How this will be done and how detailed the sustainability plans will be, rests with our current committee.

I am sure that all committee members will have ideas on this topic. Please come to the meeting prepared to contribute your ideas to the discussion.

Town Staffing Update

As you may know the town has a new director of public works, Michael Touw, who comes from the Township of Rideau Lakes where he served for 8 years. Most recently he was director of public works.

We know Rick Dunn is down south, but I hope all the rest of the committee can be present.

Peter Murray, Chairman