

TOWN OF GANANOQUE

TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

For April 15, 2015 at 9:30 AM at the Public Works Boardroom

Present: Rick Dunn, Peter Murray, John Cornish, Doug Bickerton, Dwayne Fletcher, Angus Ferguson
Guest: Bob Gibbins.

GENERAL

Council had advised that council representative Dwayne Fletcher will be the interim Chairperson for the first 3 months. After discussion Dwayne asked that Past Chair Peter Murray provide the leadership to marshal the team through the prepared agenda. Peter reminded all of the fact that all members of council committee must complete the accessibility service review as a condition of appointment. These are to be completed and given to Kelly Shipclark at Town hall. The agenda was amended to include items from various members. Combined items:

Peter noted that the last committee had prepared a report to council covering the years 2010 to 2014. There was discussion on the need for an operating plan for the committee. Peter volunteered to draft one for member discussion. The operating budget for 2015 was discussed. There is an \$8,000 carry over plus our usual \$5,000 allocation minus an expenditure of \$106.09. This totals \$12,893.91. Discussion ensued re: the monies in the old GFAC accounts at the local BMO. All agreed that somehow these should be amalgamated. The question of additional members was raised and after conversation it was moved by Rick Dunn and seconded by John Cornish that council be asked to approve Jim Garrah as our 6th member. Carried.

Peter outlined the event Sunday April 19th organized by River Bank productions and the fact that we will be sharing the 50/50 draw providing we "man" a table at the event.

TRAILS:

A review of the accessible lookout project started by the previous committee took place.

It was pointed that in order to have enough monies service club contributions would be required. Peter will approach Bill Shepherd to assess his interest while Dwayne will assess the rules of the community grants application to see if our committee is eligible. More discussion at the next meeting after research. It was noted that likely Sue Smith will be presenting our maintenance proposal at the May 19th meeting. We have been asked to staff a table at the upcoming Ribfest June 26, 27 and 28th.

Last year our liaison with Parks and Recreation was conducted by one person and this worked well. The annual trail clean-up was discussed and volunteers came forward for the 16th and the 27th. Doug outlined the purposes of the annual trail closing and also mentioned that he made a presentation on January 28th to the Women's network meeting. Trees:

TREES:

Chris Macrae, Fine View Farms, will plant 8 trees this spring according to committee direction. These are funded by the EAB \$ saved because of the herbicide donation. Last summer. The arboretum will be getting two new dedicated trees one in memory of Sally Richardson sponsored by Ewart Richardson and one in memory of Carmen Tedesco sponsored by the Horticultural Society. Peter will talk to Brenda Guy re: landscaping plans at the waterfront and tree requirements.

We have been asked to provide recommendations on tree health along Victoria due to major construction scheduled this year. We will wait for official notification.

Spring pruning is required on a number of trees and many where a bucket is required using a professional crew. The EAB "curse" is advancing across Eastern Ontario. Three trees were identified as infected in 2015 locally and we expect more this year. We need a plan for under-planting infected trees. ·

Next meeting Wednesday, May 13th at 9 o'clock. At the Public Works board room

Rick Dunn.