

Town of Gananoque
Minutes of the Trails and Trees Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 13, 2015, Public Works Board Room. 09:00

Present:, Rick Dunn, Peter Murray, , Doug Bickerton, Dwayne Fletcher, Jim Garrah

Regrets: : John Cornish, Angus Ferguson

Note: Council had advised that council representative Dwayne Fletcher will be the interim Chairperson for the first 3 months. After discussion Rick Dunn moved and Doug Bickerton seconded that past Chair, Peter Murray be elected to the position of Chair. Carried. Peter again reminded all of the fact that all members of council committees must complete the Accessibility service review. The agenda was amended to included items from various members. The minutes were reviewed and it was moved by Rick and seconded by Doug that the April 15th minutes be approved as circulated.

Combined items:

Peter noted that Council accepted the Committee's request for an additional member and that Jim Garrah was appointed. A discussion re: meeting location ensued and it was eventually decided that we would meet at Town Hall. Peter passed out an operating plan draft for the committee to be discussed at the June meeting. It was announced that the Roger's property was purchased by the Town and there will need to some signage relocation. We have been asked to staff a display table at the upcoming Ribfest June 26, 27th and 28th. It was decided that the Saturday the 27th would be the best time to set up a table.

Trails:

A follow-up with city hall revealed that no additional landscaping plans were to be taken with the pump replacement at the waterfront. A review of the accessible lookout project started by the previous committee took place and it was suggested Jim Garrah, Bill Sheppard and Angus Fergusson be a sub committee to marshal this to completion. It was suggested that Marian Spranger would be a good addition. Dwayne will contact her. (She has agreed)

Peter pointed out the changes he made to the Sustainability Plan proposal. . It was noted that Sue Smith will be presenting our proposal at the May 19th Council meeting. Work accomplished in May on the in-town trails was reviewed. The handrail leading to the bridge across Stocking Creek needs repair. Jim Garrah will represent the T&TAC with Sue Smith of Parks and Recreation re maintenance.

Trees:

Chris Macrea of Fine View Farms supplied and planted 10 trees this spring according to committee direction. Our committee will pay for 8 (\$2,500) while the Town will pay for 2 (\$630)

We have not yet been asked to provide recommendations on tree health along Victoria due to major construction scheduled this year.

A Tree cutting by-law was discussed whereby residents wanting to remove a tree would be required to contact the town. Peter has many copies of other cities by-laws.

The G.F.A.C. monies (\$2700) has been moved to the Town T&TAC account and is dedicated to trees.

Next meeting Tuesday, June 16th , 9 o'clock Town Hall.