

## **Trees and Trails Advisory Committee**

Minutes of October 15, 2015 9 AM Meeting, which was held at the Town Hall Boardroom.

Present: Rick Dunn, Peter Murray, Doug Bickerton, Jim Garrah, John Cornish,

Regrets: Dwayne Fletcher, Angus Ferguson

Guests: Marion Sprenger

### Combined items:

Peter Murray, Chair welcomed all. The minutes of the previous meeting were moved for approval as circulated. Moved by Rick and seconded by Doug. Carried.

Peter indicated that the 2016 budget will be on future agenda. Peter announced that Landon Bay had now been completely transferred to the National Parks. This may be an issue for the JCP program due to the current use of the barn on the property.

### Trails:

The JCP team will be available to spread chips. Grasshopper trail & river loop were targeted. As well, the steps behind Baldrees need further work as they are tippy. Some members will investigate following the meeting. It was noted that a rail would help navigate the steps. Wildwood trail: Jim reported that he finally reached Pedro by phone and his conversation was interrupted due to connection problems. However Pedro did not call back as promised. After discussion it was agreed to wait until the spring and decide if it will be necessary to close this trail due to the fact that Pedro will not give permission to have town employees maintain the trail. Discussion around any expansion of the trail system provided one possibility. A possible short loop behind Thompson Rivet had some merit. Discussion also covered the topic of marketing the trail network. Pam was to be invited to the next meeting. The viewing platform was discussed. We are still awaiting Dwayne's analysis of the properties and the borders adjacent to the railway bridge. Once obtaining same, the committee might be able to roughly sketch out improved pedestrian crossings and viewing areas. Promoting accessibility on the Rogers loop was discussed and Marion will walk this trail and give us her

### Trees:

Ash tree inventory should be completed soon re: the EAB infestation. Volunteers to record were Rick and Marion. All that is needed is house number, size of ash tree and note any sign of EAB infestation. The town received and planted 30 trees which cost them only \$900.00. A discussion with Wayne/Chris re: next year and the number of trees we could receive and plant needs to take place. After Chris' discussion with the environmental folks we need to estimate the amount of soil required to create berms as well as tree requirements for the arboretum. This information will be needed for the 2016 budget.

Next meeting: Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>- 9 o'clock at the Town Hall.

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Chair, Peter Murray

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Secretary, Rick Dunn