



## TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES

On Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 at 1:00 PM - Online Via WebEx

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
<b>Chair:</b>	Mayor Ted Lojko	Lynsey Zufelt, Recording Secretary
<b>Members:</b>	Douglas Bickerton	
	Carl Woodman	
	David Frid	
	Calder Schweitzer	
	Terry Childs	
<b>Regrets:</b>	Angus Ferguson	

1.	<p><b>Call Meeting to Order</b> Mayor Lojko, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM</p>
2.	<p><b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest &amp; General Nature Thereof – None</b></p>
3.	<p><b>Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2022</b></p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Carl Woodman    <b>Seconded by:</b> Calder Schweitzer</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL HEREBY ADOPTS THE REGULAR MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2022, MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Public Question / Comment</b></p> <p>There being none, the Chair moved on to the next order of business.</p>
5.	<p><b>Disclosure of Additional Items – None</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Delegations – None</b></p>
7.	<p><b>Presentations by Staff (Others) – None</b></p>

8.	<p><b>Unfinished Business</b> – Tree By-law: Member David Frid outlined his proposed Tree By-law outline. At this time, Panel Members brainstormed ideas and asked questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carl Noted that if a tree is removed, what will the repercussions be and how much?</li> <li>• Terry questioned if the Town has authority over the trees.</li> <li>• Ted added that the Town’s application for a forestry arborist and should we receive the funding this could be under the scope.</li> <li>• Doug B added that dead trees and would need to be added to the list of special exemptions (where people deliberately killed trees for removal). Or pruning matters being covered as well.</li> </ul> <p>Ultimately, Chair Ted Lojko noted that should the Town receive funding (for an “arborist”-type position), this would be put on their plate, but would otherwise have to go to Planning &amp; Development for Report to the trees and Trails Advisory Panel to bring forth the By-law to Council for passing.</p>
9.	<p><b>Correspondence</b> – Calder Schweitzer provided the Panel with a high-level outline on Ecosystem Services as initiated in a report from MNR, 2008 which quantified the value of Ecosystems re: Eco Region 6E (Gananoque). Calder shared that a river’s value is estimated at \$236,000 per Hectare annually (with respect to recreation, erosion control and tourism). Just the Gananoque River within Town limits = 19 H// +\$5.6Million.</p> <p>It was further noted that planning documents must now include what the environmental impact, or degree of impact a development may induce on the natural environment. This is pertinent to the Town’s Official Plan (and Asset Management Plan, as suggested by Terry Childs).</p>
10.	<p><b>New Business/Staff Reports</b></p>
	<p>1. Ted – Reported on the Friends of Gananoque &amp; Thousand Islands Summer Student Funding (for purpose of maintaining Town trees and vegetation within the hidden corners and other areas) for the purpose of being safely managed by the students hired. Calder noted that at the Land Trust will be interviewing for similar student positions and can spread the word that the Town is looking for candidates.</p>
	<p>2. Residential Tree Planting Program – Update provided by Lynsey. Tree pickup date set for May 28<sup>th</sup>. Will provide progress reports as the program unfolds.</p>
11.	<p><b>Discussion of Additional Items (Round Table)</b></p> <p>The Panel Members had an opportunity to ask questions and share information and to report back on various items:</p> <p>Carl Woodman: Added that the Lighthouse on the Berm is in disrepair.</p> <p>Chair Ted Lojko: Noted the Town Gates and that they should be maintained by staff. Also that there will be a fountain feature added to the Confederation basin and costs will be shared with Rotary and BIA. Hopefully for July 1<sup>st</sup></p>

	<p>2022, and lighting up the falls (BIA). Town Square expected to be complete on June 1<sup>st</sup> but hoping for July 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>David Frid: Ash Trees may be able to be salvaged by the introduction of a native wasp: There were 17 trial test sites in US, Ontario and Quebec. Trial area in PEC.</p> <p>Doug Bickerton: Noted specific Rotarians who are working on the Park Fountain project.</p>
12.	<b>Next Meeting</b> –Thursday June 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:00PM
13.	<b>Questions from the Media</b> – None
14.	<b>Adjournment</b>
	<p><b>Moved by:</b> Terry Childs</p> <p>Be it resolved that the Trees and Trails Advisory Panel hereby adjourn the May 2, 2022 meeting at 2:07 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</b></p>
<p>_____ Mayor Ted Lojko, Chair</p>	<p>_____ Lynsey Zufelt, Recording Secretary</p>