



## TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES

On Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

Town Hall Board Room – Town Hall, 30 King Street East Gananoque and Webex

<b>PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT</b>		<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	Chair Councillor David Osmond	Robert Kennedy, Facilities Superintendent
<b>Members:</b>	Doug Bickerton	Mitchell Kirby, Urban Forestry Coordinator
	Terry Childs	Lynsey Zufelt, Recording Secretary
	Gerry Brown	
	Alan Smith	
<b>Regrets:</b>	David Frid	
	Therese Conway	
	Calder Schweitzer	
<b>Guests:</b>	Alison Timusk	
	Roseline Bennet	

<b>1.</b>	<b>Call Meeting to Order</b>
	Chair David Osmond, Council Representative, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM
<b>2.</b>	<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest &amp; General Nature Thereof – None</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Adoption of Minutes</b>
	<p><b>Motion-TTAP-2024-05 – Adoption of Minutes February 8, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Gerry Brown    <b>Seconded By:</b> Terry Childs</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 MEETING, AS AMENDED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>- CARRIED</b></p>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Public Question / Comment</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Disclosure of Additional Items</b>
	Member Doug Bickerton noted safety concerns along the Rogers Loop.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Delegations – None</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Presentations by Staff (Others) – None</b>
	1. Report – Recording Secretary advised the Panel of the status of the Urban Forest By-law Draft.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Unfinished Business</b>
	1. Trail Distance Markers – Robert Kennedy, Facilities Superintendent, updated the Panel. 0.5km Trail marker order has been confirmed. Installation to be planned upon arrival.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Correspondence – None</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>New Business/Reports</b>
	1. Arthur Street Boardwalk – Staff to determine feasible course of action towards funding a repair/replacement under 2025 budget.
	2. Volunteer Trail Patrol Committee – A Working Group will be formed. Member Gerry Brown to take over as Admin of the Gananoque Trails Facebook Page as part of this initiative.
	3. Steelworker Park Arboretum – Staff to seek environmental records for property.
	4. McLean Woods – At this time, the Panel briefly discussed acquiring a survey of the gifted lands prior to making plans for the area.
	5. Murray/Bickerton Trails
	<p><b>Motion-TTAP-2024-06 – Trail Head Sign – Murray/Bickerton Gananoque Trails</b>  <b>Moved By:</b> Chair David Osmond    <b>Seconded By:</b> Terry Childs</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL RECOMMEND THAT STAFF PREPARE A TRAILHEAD SIGN WITH THE NEW TRAIL NAME, “MURRAY/BICKERTON GANANOQUE TRAILS”, TO BE APPROVED BY THE TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL PRIOR TO AN OPENING EVENT IN 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED</p>

11.	<b>Discussion of Additional Items (Round Table)</b>
	Member Doug Bickerton's safety concerns with Deceased Ash Trees along Rogers Loop – Staff noted that they are currently under review.
12.	<b>Next Meeting</b> – TBD
13.	<b>Questions from the Media</b> – None
14.	<b>Adjournment</b>
	<p><b>Motion-TTAP-2024-07 – Adjournment</b></p> <p><b>Moved by:</b> Terry Childs  Be it resolved that the Trees and Trails Advisory Panel hereby adjourn the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting at 2:41 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</b></p>
<hr/> Councillor David Osmond, Chair	<hr/> Lynsey Zufelt, Recording Secretary