The Corporation of the Town of



REES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES

Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 1:00 PM Council Chambers – Town Hall, 30 King Street East and Webex

Advisory	Panel Members Present	Staff Present
Chair:	David Osmond, Councillor	David Armstrong, Public Works Manager
Members:	Terry Childs	Robert Kennedy, Facilities Superintendent
	Gerry Brown	Mitchell Kirkby, Urban Forestry Coordinator
	David Frid	Amanda Trafford, Business Coordinator
	Calder Schweitzer	Michelle Jones, Recording Secretary
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Regrets:	Doug Bickerton	

1.	Call Meeting to Order			
	Councillor David Osmond, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.			
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof – None			
3.	Adoption of Minutes – June 15, 2023			
	It was generally agreed that Item 11. c. of the June 15, 2023 Minutes be amened to reflect the Rotary Club for "their" work in developing the Hal McCarney Park.			
	TTAP – Motion #23-012 – Adoption of Minutes – June 15, 2023			
	Moved by: David Frid Seconded by: Terry Childs BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREES & TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF JUNE 15 TH , 2023 MEETING.			
	CARRIED – UNANIMOUS, as amended			
4.	Public Questions / Comments – None			
5.	Disclosure of Additional Items			
	Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy (Urban Tree By-law)			
	2. Water – Stone Street Maintenance (grass area) Update			
6.	Delegations – None			
7.	Presentations by Staff (Others) – None			

8. Unfinished Business

- Trail Signage Update Trail Markers & Lions Trail Signage (Gerry / Robert)
 - Robert Kennedy reported that the posts arrived yesterday, markers are in process, and staff have been out trimming trails.
- 2. Eligible Tree Planting Locations / Commemorative Trees (Doug)
 - This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- **9. Correspondence** None
- 10. New Business / Reports
 - 1. Naming Gananoque Trails
 - Councillor Osmond would like to see the trail system named after the Bickerton and Murray families in recognition of and in appreciation of the time and compassion the Bickertons and Murrays have provided to the trail system. A discussion was held.

TTAP-Motion #23-013 - Naming Gananoque Trails

Moved by: David Frid **Seconded by**: Gerry Brown BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL RECOMMENDS THAT THE TRAIL SYSTEM IN GANANOQUE BE NAMED THE GANANOQUE MURRAY / BICKERTON TRAIL IN APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION, PENDING SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF MR. BICKERTON.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

11. Discussion of Additional Items (Round Table)

- 1. Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy Urban Tree By-law
 - David Frid presented a draft Urban Tree Policy with an introduction (reasons behind it; goals and objectives; definitions; next steps; private trees vs municipal trees; permits; pruning/alterations; alternatives for tree removals).
 - Questions were asked and answered. Discussion was held regarding wording, definitions, significant trees, to be reviewed by Brenda, Manager of Planning & Development at 95% complete; to form a sub-committee to create a new policy for Council's review and consideration.

TTAP-Motion #23-014 - Urban Forest Sub-Committee

Moved by: David Frid **Seconded by**: Terry Childs BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL WILL FORM A SUB-COMMITTEE NAMED URBAN FOREST SUB-COMMITTEE AND WILL LEAVE THIS DRAFT POLICY AS A STANDING ITEM ON THE AGENDA;

AND FURTHER, THAT CALDER SCHWEITZER, TERRY CHILDS, DAVID FRID, GERRY BROWN AND MITCHELL KIRBY SIT ON THIS COMMITTEE.

CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

	2. Water – Stone Street Maintenance (grass area) Update				
	 David Armstrong reported that internal discussions have been ongoing regarding the easiest and most beneficial maintenance practices due to the steep incline, insurance, safety and aesthetics. A survey may be required. David advised that he is looking for ideas from this Committee prior to further discussions with the Inn. Further discussions to take place at a future meeting. Further discussions – Calder Schweitzer advised the Committee of the awareness needed to the Oak Wilt (similar to the ash bore) that is expected to move north and could affect our oak trees. Discussions were held regarding the Japanese Knot Weed and how it is such an invasive species and has been found on Church Street, Oak Alley (behind the post office), Mill Street and Bay Road. Further discussions to be held at the next meeting. Gerry and Calder will bring further information to the next meeting regarding these two topics. 				
12.	Next Meeting – Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 1:00 PM				
13.	Questions from the Media – None				
14.	Adjournment				
	Moved by: David Frid Be it resolved that the Trees and Trails Advisory Panel adjourns this meeting at 2:000 PM.				
Davi	d Osmond, Cl	hair	Michelle Jones, Recording Secretary		