

The Corporation of the Town of



TREES AND TRAIL ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES

On October 12, 2017

At Town Hall Boardroom – 30 King St. E.

1	CALL MEETING TO ORDER	
	Chair Peter Murray chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 09:03 AM	
	COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
CHAIR:	Peter Murray	Terry Gilmer, Manager of Parks and Recreation
MEMBER:	Jim Garrah	Sean Kraft, Public Works
	John Cornish	
	Rick Dunn	
	Douglas Bickerton	
	Angus Fergusson	
	Carl Woodman	
	Dwayne Fletcher	
2	DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - NONE	
3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	
	<p>Motion No. 2017-12 Moved by: Jim Garrah Seconded by: Angus Fergusson</p> <p>Be it resolved that the Trees and Trail Advisory Panel hereby adopt the minutes from their August 31, 2017 meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
4	PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT - NONE	
5	UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE	
6	DISCLOSURE OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS – NONE	
7	DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS	

	Pam Staples – Re: Mr. John Cornish
	Ms. Staples did not show up for the meeting.
8	CORRESPONDENCE - NONE
9	REPORTS/NEW BUSINESS
	<p>TRAILS:</p> <p>Chips on the River Loop It was agreed that members will spread chips on the Riverside loop on Thursday the 19th starting at 9 o'clock.</p> <p>Current Status of Trail Carl and Doug will continue to investigate how first responders can locate distressed hikers with the most expedience. The issue of the 2018 budget input was discussed with Terry. Terry indicated that wages will be going up 1.75% whereas council directed all managers to keep the budget increase to a 1.2% thus causing a balancing act with respect to Parks and Recreation covering all responsibilities including trail maintenance.</p> <p>Winter Monitoring It was determined that trail monitoring in the winter will be on an ad-hoc basis.</p> <p>Trail Markers Initiative Two trail spots need further trail markers. Doug will come up with a plan to address these two spots.</p> <p>New Brochure Recognizing John Cornish was discussed. Peter indicated that there is a possibility to feature John's picture in the next edition of the trail's brochure. Members liked this idea.</p> <p>New Business - None</p> <p>TREES:</p> <p>Vimy Tree Planting The Vimy tree planting will take place October 16th at 9 AM, starting at the Town Park and second site at the Legion Park.</p> <p>Park Splash Pad Trees The proposed project by Rotary to provide shade for children using the splash pad received considerable discussion. Honey Locust trees are a good choice but locates must be made to determine appropriate spots.</p>

	<p>Fall Planting Dates and Volunteers The trees for fall planting have arrived but, again, locates must be completed prior to commencing the planting of the 40 trees which includes those 20 purchased by the town and the 20 pitch pine supplied by Doug Bickerton and the old GFAC.</p> <p>Fall Pruning Fall pruning was discussed and the possibility of contracting this out seemed to be the most favorable way to tackle this issue.</p> <p>Ash Tree Removal Town employees on an ongoing basis are removing the dead Ash trees. Discussion took place about the need to replace these dead trees to ensure that the canopy, which has been nurtured over the past 20 years, is not severely reduced.</p> <p>New Business - None</p>
10	DISCUSSION OF COMBINED/ADDITIONAL ITEMS - NONE
11	NEXT MEETING
	The Panel members agreed to meet monthly on the 4 th Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held November 23, 2017, 9:00AM at the Town Hall Boardroom.
12	ADJOURNMENT
	Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.
Chair, Peter Murray	Secretary, Rick Dunn