

## TOWN OF GANANOQUE

### Minutes of the Trails and Urban Forest Committee

August 6, 2014 at PW Boardroom

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Present: Rick Dunn, Peter Murray, Jim Garrah, Bill Sheppard, John MacLeod,  
Regrets: Joe Watkins, Doug Bickerton, John Cornish

The Chairs call to order 09:05 the chair (Peter) presented the 1. Adoption of the agenda, 2. Health and Safety, 3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest. 4. Review of minutes of June 25th meeting. The acceptance of the, minutes were moved by Rick and seconded by Bill. Carried. 5. Reports: Peter outlined the proposed Covidien Company trail loop and, after discussion, the members in attendance gave their support to this proposal. The chair outlined our financial situation showing a balance of \$514 if the \$3,000 grant to the NTC proposal goes through.

#### TRAILS:

Peter indicated that the NTC project will be part of the package submitted by the Biosphere and John indicated that funding will most likely be granted. A discussion re: tendering if approved suggested that it may not be necessary. Council will receive the request for support and in that context. Bill asked us some question so that he could address potential council concerns. Peter indicated that he will pursue Ann Marie as she was supposed to show up at this meeting. All reviewed the status of the trails referring to Jim's status report. John M indicated the work that he will have the JCP group accomplish on the Wildwood trail. Access to the far end was discussed in order to build the final boardwalk. Brushing on the far end of Wildwood will be undertaken and John will arrange for chips to be placed by the Town so that chipping can take place on the loops off of the Lions Loop. The ruts at the C & A link were discussed and Jim will approach Sue. The Tick signs are up.

#### Trees:

EAB treatments will commence on 32 Town trees and 6 private residence trees. Peter will join with the sponsor for publicity photos this morning. The rest of the tree identification plaques will be installed at the Steel Workers Park and on August 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a commemorative tree ceremony at 11 AM. Peter is still looking for sites for tree locations to be planted in the fall. The JCP team will devote 2 weeks to tree pruning in October.

Next meeting: September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM at the Works meeting room.