

# **Minutes of Gananoque Trees & Trails Committee:**

Town hall Board Room, March 17, 2016. 09:00

**Present:** Peter Murray (Chair), Jim Garrah, Doug Bickerton (Secr) and John Cornish.

**Guests:** Marion Sprenger, Michelle Woods, Craig Pittman, Sue Killen and Ben Bright.

**Regrets:** Rick Dunn, Dwayne Fletcher and Angus Ferguson.

**Motion:** John and Jim: That the minutes for the meeting of February 18 be accepted. Carried.

**Motion:** Doug and Jim: That the Agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

Health and Safety Concerns: None.

Pecuniary Interest / Conflict of Interest: None.

## **Trails:**

Peter reviewed the subcommittee meeting with Chris Wagar and Sue Smith:

- Steel Workers Park: There is no money in the budget for more soil to build up areas for planting more trees. Chris has asked the MOE for clarification on the status of this site.
- Small refuse containers have been ordered for two Trail locations. We'll see how they work.
- Cullen's trees are not free this year. They will be lifting trees in the fall. So, we'll plant 15 purchased trees as budgeted, this spring.

## **Bay Road Status and Accessibility (the delegations):**

1. Bay Road Status: The Town is investigating the widening of Bay Road to create parking for boat trailers along the west side of the road. The visiting delegation of the public wants to stop this. The Trails and Trees Committee decided that this doesn't fall into the Committee's responsibility. We will not take a position on this issue. Whatever Council decides to do, we will rearrange our Trail to suit. Discussion revolved around retaining as much natural space as possible with which the Committee agrees..

2. Trail Accessibility: re The Lions' Loop.

The main accessibility concern is the Lions' Loop and specifically:

- a) The hill from the rail line to the parking lot south of the former C&A building.
- b) Some return loops along streets don't have sidewalks, particularly Queen and Ann Streets.

The T&T Committee and the Accessibility Committee will walk this Loop starting at the Trailhead at 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 20th.

Wildwood Trail: Still no response from Pedro Trivis. We will try to maintain the Wildwood Trail ourselves for this year unless we get further instruction from either Pedro or from Mr. Steacy on behalf of Pedro. **Jim** will try to contact Mr. Steacy to see if he has any further word from Pedro.

Trail Cleanup Day: No specific date was set. We will all walk the Trail in our own time and clean up whatever there is. The Trail is currently in very good condition. Sue Smith has ordered two small garbage cans for the Trail. We suggest they be located at the south end of the Narrows

Loop and the Herbert Street extension where it crosses the Trail.

Interpretive Signs (Story Boards): **Doug and Peter** will decide what to include and write up the text.

Maps: One mailbox is missing at the Lobster Trap Restaurant and all the boxes need a fresh supply of maps. **Peter and Doug** will take care of it.

**Trees:**

1. The EAB Inventory of Ash trees needs to be completed as soon as weather permits.  
We need sites for 15 trees as underplanting. **Doug and Peter.**
2. Ash Inventory: **Peter** will set it up. **Peter and Doug** + two recorders will identify underplanting locations for street and park ash trees. But, we'll wait until they die to cut the old ones and replant.
3. Pitch Pines at Gan Cemetery: A price is coming from Paul Larmon for lifting about 20 trees with his tree spade. These are now ready to plant elsewhere and most are too big to dig and lift by hand. **Doug** is taking care of this. We need planting locations for them.
4. New Business: Two ash tree on Charles Street North at the St Joseph's School fence will have to be removed for a sidewalk. This is a school safety issue. One of these is a Treeazin treated tree. So, for 2016 we should be able to treat another healthy tree in its place.

**Next Meeting:** Board Room, Town Hall, Thursday, April 21, 2016 9:00 am

Doug Bickerton, Secretary March 17, 2016