

**Minutes of the Trails and Trees Advisory Committee**

**Public Works Board Room 09:00**

**November 19, 2015**

**Present: Rick Dunn, Peter Murray, Doug Bickerton, Jim Garrah, John Cornish, Angus Ferguson. Regrets: Dwayne Fletcher**

**Combined items:**

**Peter Murray, Chair welcomed all. The minutes of the previous meeting were moved for approval as circulated. Moved by Rick and seconded by Angus. Carried. Peter indicated that the minutes must be signed by whoever performed secretarial duties at the previous meeting and by the chair before filing at the Town. Back copies were dully signed.**

**Trails:**

**The committee reviewed and commented on the items making up the proposed 2016 budget. Moved by Angus and seconded by Doug to approve the proposed budget. (See attached budget) The project to spread chips on sections of the trails was reviewed. Additional chips will be solicited and John's JPC crew will be available the week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> of November. Jim graciously agreed to liaise with the Parks and Recreation in 2016. The committee next discussed interpretative signage for the trails with Doug outlining several possibilities for hikers to review while traveling the trails. We already have pre-made fifteen 81/2" by 14" frames. These could be set up over the winter. The property boundaries in the Stone's Mill area was reviewed by the committee. A site visitation was planned for the week starting November 30<sup>th</sup>. The anticipated garbage containers for the trail had not arrived and Peter will contact Sue to discuss.**

**Trees:**

**Ash tree inventory needs to be completed. Sue will be budgeting for next year's EAB treatment. A discussion with Chris confirmed that next year's tree planting is in his budget. Peter has estimated the amount of fill required to create berms at the Steel Workers Park and has provided Chris with the information for budget purposes.**

**Tree trimming was discussed. Doug has a list of trees to target. The JPC crew may be engaged if time allows. Doug indicated that he has been able to locate a service berry tree sufficient to satisfy the Carmen Tedesco family request for a dedicated tree in our Arboretum. It will be planted next spring.**

**Next meeting: Not specified but in 2016**

**Secretary; Rick Dunn**