

Town of Gananoque

Trails and Urban Forest Committee

Minutes for meeting held on May 21, 2014 at ES Boardroom at 9:00 AM

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

The acceptance of the, minutes of April 23, 2014 were moved by Rick and seconded by Jim. Carried

TRAILS:

Jim indicated that he had distributed 400 trail brochures to local B & B's. It was agreed that due to the abundance of Ticks that we will post signage warning hikers of the dangers and steps to prevent Tick problems. A considerable time was devoted to the words for the letter responding to the ATV proposal. Peter took notes and will compile a new draft for circulation. Rick, Doug and Peter will update the signage around the marina due to the request to reroute the trail. Sue will be approached to update the stone dust from trail-head to Oak Street as with frequent snow removal the stone dust needs replenishing. Budgeting was discussed and the estimates for budget expenditures included \$500 for stone dust, \$500 for updating signage. Rick will update the Town Logo on trail signs as they have faded. Jim agreed to contact Sue re: getting the trimming on the River Loop and the Grasshopper Park initiated due to the Tick menace. It was mentioned that the local rotary club may be interested in taking over the work started by the committee to build a wheelchair-access viewing platform on the railway bridge. In conjunction with Trails/Doors open this year, it was suggested that coordinator Mary-Ann be invited to address the next committee meeting.

Trees:

Rack cards will be produced and distributed to households to explain how homeowners can be involved in the EAB treatment program. The application for the treatment will take place in July. Thirty-two trees on Town property will be treated. Under planting troubled Ash trees was discussed for the Town annual tree planting plan. All members will give tree planting ideas to Peter as they walk the Town. Peter will approach Sue to see if the savings which will now occur due to the donation of the EAB treatment materials can be allocated to additional tree planting for 2014.

Next meeting: July 18th @ 9 AM at the Works meeting room.