

TOWN OF GANANQOUE  
Trails and Urban Forest Committee

**Minutes for September 10, 2014 – 09:00 AM**

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Public Works Board Room. 09:00 September 10, 2014

**Present:** Peter Murray (Chair), Jim Garrah, John Cornish, Doug Bickerton (Sec)

Regrets: Joe Watkins, John MacLeod, Bill Sheppard., Rick Dunn

Special Guest: Ann Marie Koiner from Doors Open.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS:** None.

**PECUNIARY INTEREST / CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion: Jim and John C: That the Agenda be accepted as presented, with the addition of the Doors Open presentation by Ann Marie. Carried.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion: John C. and Jim: That the minutes of the August 06<sup>th</sup> meeting be accepted as circulated. Carried

**Trails:**

1. Doors Open for September 27 & 28, 2014, Ann Marie Koiner:

There has been little activity locally and now we are near panic mode. It looks like all locations will do much the same as last year. The brochure has been designed and is ready to publish, or might be actually printed by now.

We decided to do two walks and a manned table, as last year:

– Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm Trail Walk with John Cornish

– Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm Historic Walk with Peter Murray

– Table: Saturday 10:00 to 1:00 Jim and 1:00 to 4:00 Doug

Sunday 10:00 to 1:00 Ray and 1:00 to 4:00 Rick or Bill

Bill will arrange the loan of the sandwich board and a couple of signs as well as “the Door”.

2. JCP Crew:

– River Loop needs chips and trimming

– Wildwood Trail is OK, but there are 2 wet spots that need a bit of boardwalk

– Rogers Loop, Main Trail: needs chipping and trimming, particularly side trimming

– Peter is to touch base with Sue Smith to invite her to the next meeting to discuss Trail maintenance work this year, and review the sustainability proposal for presentation to Council. Also about acquiring 2 small litter cans for the Narrow’s Loop picnic area.

Also to discuss is the EAB savings and directing this to under planting ash, and the arboretum

3. Funding for the RR Bridge Lookout:

- Plans for activating the FAB / OTC funding application will have to wait until the OTC and NTC announce their support for funding specific Trails projects. (in October)

4. New Business:

- The Trails Council website now includes our Gananoque Trails
- Electric motorized bikes and handicapped carts are now using the trail (Lions' Loop) some go quite fast. We discussed it and decided to let this be until there is a complaint or an incident.

**Trees: (Urban Forest)**

1. Memorial Trees: Our policy on multiple plaques on a single tree was discussed. We decided to stay with one tree and one plaque; not to have additional plaque placed around the plaque with the original names on it. Others in the same family should be encouraged to sponsor their own trees.

2. Emerald Ash Borer: (EAB)

- Because of the gift of 10 litres of TreeAzin from Tree Canada, we will have about \$2900 of our \$8500 budget left over. We propose to use this money to under plant some of the small ash trees that we can't save from the EAB. We will ask Sue Smith to take this to Council and confirm that it is OK with them. This may have to wait for the new Council if the proposal can't be made before the present Council becomes "Lame Duck", prior to the election.

3. Fall Tree Pruning Schedule:

- Pruning by the JCP Crew will be scheduled by John MacLeod. Pruning work is best to be done in October or November, when the leaves are gone and the weather is not too uncomfortable.
- We need to clarify the tree replacement (2) at the corner of William and Sydenham Streets. (298 Sydenham) These trees, on the public street allowance had to be removed when the owner ran into an oil pollution problem that required removal of all the earth under the house. Bill Sheppard is to be consulted on this and the problem with King St plantings by the town.

4. Next Meeting: October 15, 2014, 09:00 am at the Works Department Board Room

Doug Bickerton, Secretary, September 11, 2014