

TOWN OF GANANOQUE

TRAILS & URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE

Minutes for April 03, 2013 – Public Works Boardroom at 9:00 AM

Present: Peter Murray (Chair), Doug Bickerton (Sec), Jim Garrah, John Cornish, and Bill Sheppard. **Regrets:** Rick Dunn and John MacLeod

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 5th moved by Peter, seconded by Bill. OK

Trails: Chairman's Notes:

a) Garbage Cans: We must ask Sue to put the garbage cans back out after the winter. We'll have to find a solution to the household garbage problem or just live with the consequences. b) Large Trail Signs: We have the 4 new "You Are Here" signs and now the Works crew can install them as soon as the frost is out of the ground. We'll use twin 4X4 posts set in concrete. (Ryan says they should have a drawing, ref height of sign above ground and depth of hole.)

Agenda:

1. The spring hiking pamphlets (1000) are here and look good. We'll distribute them by having the committee do a mail drop: Jim & Doug = South Ward residences (South of King Street and East of the Gan River. Peter = King Street (All, including motels) John C = West Ward residences and businesses. (West of the Gananoque River) Bill = North Ward, (North of King Street and East of the Gan River). Target date is May 1 to May 3, 2013. Spring Hike: Who does what??

1. All: Grand Opening, May 11th Wildwood Trail.

2. Rick will lead the Gan River Loops, May 18th.

3. Jim will lead the Roger's Loop hike, May 25th.

4. Peter will lead the McLean's Loop hike, June 1st.

5. John C will lead the Historic Riverfront Walk, June 8th. John C will organize the pop and cookies for the Roger's and McLean's Loop walks. Organizing the Wildwood Grand Opening : We'll ask CAO Bob Small about having Pam do the promotion, website notes, Mayor and Council for opening ceremony, posters for store windows, media at the event, etc.

2. "You Are Here" Signs: Peter and Jim will mark the locations for the signs. We'll ask the Works Crew to drill holes and install 4X4 posts with signs. Bill will coordinate email to the CAO to request Crew time. Peter and John will put up the yellow trail markers on Herbert St and Conner Dr. Jim and Peter to locate the sites with sticks and notify Bill when done.

3. Wildwood Trail opening May 11th 2013: Peter will send a letter to the Mayor and Council re the invitation to attend the Grand Opening and hike the new trail. Peter will act as MC and the Mayor and Bill (as Councillor) will speak. Doug will lead the hike. We will need back to back

direction signs with arrows at the intersections of Fourth St and the Trail as well as Crosby Rd and Beaver Rd. (4 signs, 2 locations). John C will look after these signs.

4. Spring Cleanup of the Trail: We'll clean as we go and review this next meeting.
5. Lookout Platforms for the Rail Bridge: We must get permission to install these. This would be a good project for the school.
6. Job Creation Program: John MacLeod was absent. He has put some time in his funding application for pruning of our street trees. If necessary, we may be required to contribute \$1,000 to this funded program. Approved.

Trees:

1. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) assessment will be done by Peter and Doug. We need to review the list of candidate trees for inoculation.
2. The planting program for 2013 will be deferred to next meeting because we'll only be doing fall planting this year.

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 1, 2013, 9:00 am at the Works Dept boardroom.

Doug Bickerton , April 4, 2013