

## Town of Gananoque

### Trails and Urban Forest Committee

Minutes for November 20, 2013 - Meeting held at PW Boardroom

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**Present:** Bill Shepherd, Rick Dunn, Peter Murray, Doug Bickerton, John Cornish

**Regrets:** Joe Watkins, Jim Garrah, John MacLeod

The acceptance of the minutes of October 14, 2013 were moved by Doug and seconded by Rick. Carried

#### TRAILS AGENDA

##### Letter to Council:

Members reiterated their support of the final draft which Peter will sign and forward to council.

##### Town request for 10 year capital requirements:

The committee voted to keep the \$25,000 in reserve. Also discussed and was recommended that \$10,000 to be allocated in future years for resurfacing the Lions trail section with stone dust.

##### 2014 budget requirements for operation monies:

The current \$5000 allocated to Trails and Trees seems to work quite well with our needed cash flow. Further discussion will take place during January's planning meeting.

##### Jim's proposed work schedule for trails in 2014:

Jim's suggested schedule was reviewed and approved in principle. An additional 80 hours is to be allocated by Sue next year to trail maintenance.

##### Current budget status:

Peter reviewed the to-date expenditures and the committed dollars to suggest that all but \$1300 will be spent by January 2014.

##### Train bridge lookout...status:

Bill had been in contact with Bob and explained what was now required by the committee after last month's deliberations. Once we get the drawings we will submit same to council for their decision. Some resistance is expected due to the expense. Perhaps a community grant application is the way to go?

Planning meeting:

At this January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting we should discuss interpretive signs.

JCP trail work over the winter:

It was decided that no trail work is required by the JCP crew other than what is now scheduled.

Other business:

John suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to the local high school thanking the students and teachers for their cooperation and assistance.

**TREES AGENDA**

Ash Tree inventory:

Council has the report and, although not approved until budget deliberations are complete, Sue has placed the first application dollars in her 2014 operation budget.

Memorial trees:

Rick complimented Doug on the great design and look of the current number of installed plaques; both memorial and tree identification. The dedication will take place in May. An article to the EMC and Reporter was discussed to get more families to dedicate a tree. Sending a notice out in the bills for the PUC was discussed.

Pruning with the JCP crew.

It was reported that they are doing a great job.

New business:

Peter reminded all about the December 12 volunteers night and encouraged all members of the committee to attend.

Next meeting: January 15 @ 9 AM at the Works meeting room.