

TOWN OF GANANOQUE

Urban Forest and Trails Committee Minutes for Tuesday September 18, 2012, Town Hall Board Room

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

TRAILS AGENDA:

The acceptance of the minutes of the August 15, 2012 were moved by Jim and seconded by Bill. Carried

Beaver Road Trail:

Jim, John C and Rick chain sawed a tree across the trail. Jim has done extensive trimming and grass cutting preparing the trail for opening. Signage was discussed and Rick will prepare signs for the trail head and Doug will assist in the installation. John C. has markers for installation and the team will proceed with these.

Trail Council Information Course:

This seminar will occur on October 18 and cover benefits of trails to the ecotourism mandate. Several members indicated interest in attending. Peter will inquire as to the possibility of 5 people attending including the town economic development officer.

Signage project:

A subcommittee has been reviewing possible signage for the trails as a result of a conversation with Pam Staples at our last meeting. Peter, Jim and Rick have a list of possible 6 signs and will meet with Pam to discuss design issues.

Doors Open Tours:

Peter distributed the final draft of the information sheet to be handed to participants. He asked for volunteers and the following roster was prepared:

Saturday: Doug @11, Jim @2 John Cornish available Sat. if needed.

Sunday: John M @ 11, Rick @2

All participants will start at the "umbrella" and tour the lion's loop to Queen Street and then back via Ann, Stone, etc. to the start. More than 10 should require that one person be responsible as a "sweep" to insure that there are no lost visitors.

Planning for submission to Council for maintenance assistance, 2013

There was discussion on the format and information required for our proposed request to Council for assistance. Rick had prepared an information sheet to be completed by each member and Peter an introduction and format. It was decided that we needed the input from P Works and Recreation, (Ryan and Sue) Bill to see if they can come to the 19th special meeting at 10:30

Other business:

A discussion resulted in the fact that faded town logos can be replaced using a "stick on" available from Bruce Miller. Peter will follow up. Note: October agenda item: Signage for canoe ramp.

TREES AGENDA:

Ash Tree inventory:

Doug and Peter have taken an inventory of the North Ward ash trees which could be attacked by the Emerald Ash Borer. Peter indicated that another full day is required. Bill will drive and Doug will notate in order to complete the inventory.

Request to council for 2013 trees:

Peter outlined the issue with tree purchases in 2012 and the mix up associated with charging Rick Cooper's accounts for all the trees for the Arboretum. It would appear, in hindsight, that a special project account should have been set up for the Arboretum project so that TD's \$5000 would have offset the purchase of the initial trees. Bill will check this out

Other business: Doug spoke of the 600 Pitch Pine seedlings he has and their distribution across Leeds and Grenville.

Special Meeting - September 19, 2012 at 9:00 AM at the Rec Centre.