

TOWN OF GANANOQUE  
TRAILS AND URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2013 1:30 PM  
at the Public Works Board Room 1:30 pm

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

Accept Previous Minutes: Motion: by Jim Garrah, Sec Rick Dunn, That the minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2012 be accepted as circulated. Carried.

Chairman's Notes: Peter reported on various local trail developments. The request for trail information from the Merrickville Trails Committee was discussed. We will do what we can to help them. Peter requested that someone else volunteer to take over as Chair of our T&T Committee, and he would be secretary. No takers. Sorry Peter; nice try!

### Trails:

1. The Annual Report of the Urban Forest and Trails Committee for 2012 was reviewed. The Operating Plan for the Urban Forest and Trails Committee for 2013 was discussed. Motion: by John Cornish and Rick Dunn, That the Annual Report for 2012 and the Operating Plan for 2013 be accepted as written and that these be included as an appendix to the minutes of this meeting.
2. GISS Workshop Project: John M. reports that the grant has been received and the wood has been delivered to the school. John M and Doug will meet with the Shop Teacher at GISS on January 30th to review the types of projects that the students can do for our trails.
3. Signs and Information Displays: The existing Trailhead and Marina signs have lasted very well, but they are now out of date because we have expanded the Trail. Peter will get more information for our next meeting.
4. The Umbrella Trailhead Sign: This needs an update and will be included as above.
5. Presentation to Council: Unfortunately, Bill was absent. Peter will check with Bill to see when we should go to Council with our Annual Report and Operating Plan. [post meeting info. Peter spoke to Ryan Morton, who suggested that T&T reps should attend the presentation by himself, Rick C. and Sue S. which will likely be in April. The financial proposals the Committee suggested have been incorporated in the proposed department budgets of the Public Works and Parks departments]
6. Letter Box Pamphlet Holders: (suggested by Pam) Four locations four letter boxes and appropriate signs were discussed. Peter to check with Pam.
7. Doors Open Proposal and Location: We have agreed that we want to participate again in 2013. Several routes and the possibility of starting at the Recreation Centre were discussed. Doing last year's route on the Lions Loop was decided as the preferable option. Date is September 28 and 29. Volunteers for guides will be required.

8. Gananoque trail "stick-ons": for the faded Gananoque logos are now at the "office". We'll get a work party together to install them in the spring.
9. Young Offender Action: Police have identified the boy who cut several of our trees and others at the high school and on private lawns. He will be available to help out with various trail work - maybe removing tripping hazards and spreading chips along the Trail.
10. Action Plan: If the Town doesn't approve our proposals, we'll just have to work with what we have.
11. Township of Leeds and the 1000 Islands: Peter talked to Kim Goodman and she agreed to meet us regarding TLTI involvement in trails. We need to contact the Township about possible access to the Provincial Wildlife Area from the north (Maple Grove Road). Right now is a good time to get out and see what possibilities exist for a practical access route to the north side, while the marsh areas are frozen and accessible.
12. Other Business: – A "Walking Group" was discussed, perhaps weekly, to make use of the trails. Ray would help with the hikes. Jim and John C will look into it. – Opening of the "Wildwood Trail": Possibly Saturday, May 11th would be about right. – Our inventory of telephone poles is sitting on the ground at the works yard. We need to have the Works Crew set them up on sleepers to prevent them from rotting. Doug will contact Rick Cooper. – Rick Dunn is back on the Hampton Heights Board. The Board has sorted out the location of the rear lot line and is considering an extension of the fence along the Gananoque Trail.

**Trees:**

1. Operating Plan and Activity Report: Same as for the Trails. See 1 above.
2. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): Peter has completed the report. He will type it up and circulate it prior to sending the recommendations to Council.
3. Arboretum markers: We have three stone markers and both of the bronze memorial plaques to be set in concrete and installed in May or June. We will arrange dates with the families.
4. Action Plan: Same as for the Trails above.
5. 2013 Tree Planting Locates: Peter and Doug will arrange with Rick Cooper to set the markers for the spring planting after the ground thaws. [note post meeting: Rick C. Confirmed no spring planting planned].
6. New Business: None

**Trash:**

1. Action regarding "No Household Garbage" signs: Peter invites the Committee to take a sign and put it on a garbage container as they walk around. This should be done at above freezing temperatures and on a dry surface. We need to distribute our yellow trash bags.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 9:00 am at the Public Works Department boardroom.

Doug Bickerton, January 31, 2013.