

TOWN OF GANANOQUE

TRAILS and URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH, AT THE PW BOARD ROOM, 09:00 AM

Present: Doug Bickerton, John Cornish, Jim Garrah, Peter Murray, Bill Sheppard.

Regrets: Rick Dunn, John McLeod.

Meeting chaired by Peter Murray who asked for any conflict of interest.

Minutes of the meeting of January 29th were reviewed.

Moved by Bill S. Seconded by John C that the minutes of January 29, 2013 be accepted as presented. Carried

TRAILS

1. *Discussion on the Spring Walk Series.* Cookies and pop to be available after each hike. Approved. Peter and John C to meet with Pam Staples at 2:30 to firm up the format for the promotional brochure. To check out the use of town water bills as distribution source. How many needed? Other promotional routes; EMC, the Reporter, radio station. Sub-committee of Peter and ? to prepare a draft insert. Wildwood Trail grand opening confirmed for May 11th. Hike on the trail following opening if participants wish. A raised wooden section on south east side of the RR bridge at King St was suggested for viewing the historical area of the Gananoque River. Contact public works.
2. *Planning and pre-season clean-up;* For discussion at April meeting.
3. *Umbrella Trail Head Map;* The new map to include the Wildwood Trail and new loops. Peter to get this going with Pam.
4. *Town Budget Status;* Bill reported there are 2 meetings, March 13 and 14. Committee to be available as back up if requested.
5. *Contact with TLTI;* The area to the north of Mud Creek in PWA is unsuitable as walking trails as it is wet and fields. Will contact Kim Goodman of TLTI to walk the Marble Rock trails and the Wildwood section if she wishes .
6. ATV damage on Gananoque trail near C&A. To check out when snow gone. Involve police if necessary to talk to culprits.
7. FAB Trail Council and OTC ; FAB is reviewing the status as chair Andy Graham resigned. OTC to be continued to be forwarded to committee members who wish it.

TREES

1. OLG employees offered seedling /stick trees. PW suggested a nursery on works property near the trail. Contact to get back to us.
2. Ash tree survey; Peter presented a summary of the survey. Options are remove dead trees and save selected trees with a treatment. Costs needed. Consensus was that we send a letter to Council concerning the survey and plans for addressing the EAB problem. 30 or so large good quality ash are candidates for treatment. More information on location of these trees is required. This to be done as time permits.

TRASH.

1. Suggest to Parks and Rec that more trash barrels are needed, and where they might be placed. Confirm who is going to affix the "no garbage" stickers to trash cans.
2. When is spring cleanup, and when will do our Trail cleanup sweep?

Minutes by Doug, translated by Peter, Mar 6, 2013

Next meeting Wednesday, April 3, at 09:00 at the PW board room.
