

TOWN OF GANANOQUE

TRAILS and URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JULY 03, 2012

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

Regrets: John Cornish

1) Chair Comments

The chair indicated that he had been approached by Bonnie Dingwall to provide her with a copy of the "Tree removal policy". The chair commented that the current approach is more of a procedure rather than a policy and briefly outlined it to the committee. Discussion ensued re: the removal of some recent trees out of which came the conclusion that the Town needs a policy re; removal of trees on Town property as well as removal of trees on private property

TRAILS AGENDA:

The acceptance of the minutes of the June 5, 2012 were moved by Doug Bickerton and seconded by Bill Shepherd. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

2500 brochures have been ordered .Pam will be picking them up.

Certificate of appreciation has been presented to two contracted helpers by John. They were appreciated. Rick pointed out that he now has the "mask" made up and can produce these as required.

Grass cutting required at the Riverside loop

Poison ivy noted on Roger's loop

Town needs to open up access to the trail behind the Rec center ball diamond end and, as well, behind Lobster Trap entrance. Jim will phone Sue.

Bill announced a race called "I ran Gan" on July 29th to raise money for the non-profit 1000 islands day care center. One can run or walk 5 or 10 km. The trails will be utilized.

MOTION POSTPONED FROM LAST MEETING:

The chair raised the motion moved last meeting by John Cornish and asked for a show of hands as for and against the previous motion. The motion was defeated.

The following motion was then moved by Jim and seconded by Bill:

Whereas the Town has budgeted \$25,000 to assist with the overall cost of a 401 underpass to access for hiking trail purposes, the provincial wildlife area on the north side of the 401 between the Gananoque River and the Leeds County line to the west

And whereas the Trails committee has a professionally prepared plan to complete the project,

And whereas the Ministry of Transportation

Has given approval to implement the plan,

And whereas there is considerable amount of work still required to make sure that all infrastructure requirements, operating plans and partnerships are in place,

Therefore be it resolved:

That the trails committee request that the Town place the \$25,000 in a 401 underpass reserve fund if the money is not used for the project in 2012, and that the money be retained for the project in the reserve fund until such time as work is able to proceed.

The above motion was passed by all.

Open Doors: Peter distributed a draft copy for the above event on September 29th. He asked all to review and provide feedback to him. Action all.

TREES AGENDA:

Doug, Bill and Peter attended workshop on E Ash Borer. Peter had prepared an inventory form to be used locally to prepare an inventory both on public and private property. He indicated that it will cost \$250 every second year to inoculate the selected trees in order to prevent destruction.

The committee will prepare a list of recommendations to the Town for those deemed to be worthy of saving and those where under planting should be tried. It was noted that removal of infected trees can cost considerable monies.

Doug has applied Flowers of Sulfur in the park to the pitch pines to raise the acidic levels.

The drought conditions are causing the recently planted trees some stress and the committee will investigate the use of watering bags as a solution. Action Doug/Bill

Next meeting August 15th at 8:30 Town Hall

Approved at the committee meeting of August 15th

Signed by Peter Murray, chairman 2012