



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	Recreation Trails Committee Meeting	
Meeting Location:	M/B Council Chambers	
Date / Time:	Apr. 27, 2016	7:00pm – 8:40pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Geoff Patterson	

1. Purpose

Township Trails- related

2. Attendance

Name	Present	Name	Present
Joanne Logan	y	Chantal Duguay-Hyatt	
Holly Forrest	y	Geoff Patterson	y
Darcy Wall	Y		

3. Agenda

No.	Subject	Responsible
1	Call to Order/Welcome/Attendance	GP
2	Adoption of Agenda	All
3	Declaration of pecuniary interest	all
4	Delegations –	
5	Adopt minutes from previous meeting	GP
6	Correspondence- L Hodinott Ec Dev re lit trails	All
7	Follow-up re: discussion of Clay bank Park site visit	All
8	Action Items/Other Business	All
9	Next meeting/Adjournment	All

4. Action Items:

No	Actions, Decisions and Important Issues	Responsible	Status	Closure Date
1	The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Rec Director Patterson and attendance was taken.	GP	Open	
2.	Committee member Holly Forrest moved that the agenda be adopted and it was seconded by Committee member Darcy Wall. CARRIED.	GP	closed	16/4/27
3	The Director invited members to declare items of pecuniary interest and no declarations of pecuniary interest were made by the group.	GP	closed	16/4/27
4.	Committee heard no delegations this evening.	GP	open	
5.	Minutes from last meeting were accepted by the group with one change. Committee member Forrest felt that uses cited on item #6 with reference to Clay bank Park future uses were limiting and not accurate to what was said at the meeting. Recreation Director Patterson explained that he had not listed the entire list of options that the trails may be utilized for, rather just highlighted a couple of the options discussed. This will in no way, limit use to what options were stated in the previous minutes. (fat biking/Nordic skiing/snowshoeing)	GP	closed	16/4/27
	With respect to a follow up on Councillor Lang's earlier project update, Committee member Holly Forrest asked whether notice was received regarding a successful funding application for her Logger's Way concept to which the Recreation Director commented that he had not received any update of the funding status. Committee member Darcy Wall inquired about Councillor Brum's announcement about the landfill news that was promised at an earlier meeting but again the Rec Director reported that he had no further feedback on that item.	all	open	
	Minutes from previous March trails accepted moved for adoption by Darcy Wall and seconded by Committee member Joanne Logan. Carried.	GP	closed	16/4/27
6	Committee looked at a trail related item forwarded by Economic Development Committee rep Hodinott and it provoked limited discussion. The example was from Quebec's Eastern Townships and offered lit trails to their clientele. Cost of this project was briefly discussed but prior to any lit trails being established in our Township, we would have to obviously build trails before worrying about them being lit. Lighting ball fields and soccer fields is generally associated with extravagant costs the Rec Director explained and the group accepted this item as an information item. Darcy Wall did further research into the info from the Ec Dev group and saw that costs to users associated with this type of trail system was \$16 for adult Trail users and \$9 for kids. Again, development of trails here is at a much different stage than the example forwarded by Ec Dev but it is something that can be noted as a possibility for the future, the group concurred.	GP	open	

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7	<p>Follow up from the visit to Clay Bank Park was discussed next by Committee as several members were able to do a site visit there in early April. First member Darcy Wall noted that a number of options were viable there as has been heard in previous meetings. Options like a dog park, a butterfly sanctuary, interpretive signage, a honey bee area, trail establishment and a non-motorized boat launch were all deemed feasible now that the group had been able to get on site and see what the Parkland had to offer.</p> <p>Committee member Holly Forrest elaborated on an e-mail she circulated regarding the project being registered with the MNR. The group felt that this would be a prudent first step and thought that the McNamara Field Naturalists could be perhaps consulted on this stage of development because they had more than likely gone through this process before and could be able to offer some helpful tips. A couple of names were cited as sources that may be able to help, those being Ron Corbett and Micheal Runtz, and that these 2 individuals may be familiar with the Habitat Management plan criteria as a starting point for the project. Committee member Logan noted that she had some contacts with this group and thought that a walkabout at Claybank with a Naturalist Club member would be a good next step and that she would look further into a proper contact within their group. The group discussed details involving a MNR work permit versus registering the project and due to the scope of very limited development being done at the site, the more appropriate route would be registering the project as opposed to applying for a work permit at this point.</p> <p>Committee member Forrest also spoke of how accessibility would tie in at the Clay bank site and the group felt having a short accessible "loop" would be a key component for early stages of development at Clay bank. The group examined Clay bank mapping images provided by Mr. Patterson and brainstormed on locations for Trails coming up with an initial concept for Trail location.</p>	GP	Open	
8	<p>Committee reviewed priorities established at earlier meetings and agreed that first focus by the group will be on Clay Bank Park where they believed a short term win could be developed there as building of a small trail loop at this site could be feasible immediately given MNR blessing and dealing properly with any environmentally sensitive issues.</p> <p>After further discussion, the group felt that taking action elsewhere would be an important option as well and after weighing different options, they felt the Perneel land would be a logical place to start investigating options, as it was deemed the Committee's next "priority" area. There were many positive options discussed about potentially developing trails at the Perneel area because of its' proximity to Alexander Stewart Nature reserve and McNab Public School. It was concluded that a site visit was required there in the immediate future would be the next logical step as some members of the Committee have yet to set foot on that parcel of land. The date and time was decided and the group will rendezvous at Perneel Building on May 3rd at 10:30am.</p>	GP	open	
	<p>Rec Director Patterson invited Georgia from the Womens Institute to comment as she had been in attendance during the meeting and felt the meeting was informative as her group was interested in Trail development as well. She promised that she would report the positive progress back to her membership that she saw during the Trails meeting and noted that she couldn't speak for the entire group, but felt that the Institute would strongly consider a financial donation toward our trail initiative and asked that we keep her and her group in the loop regarding Trails Committee developments.</p>	GP	open	
9	<p>Committee member Darcy Wall moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm and Committee member Joanne Logan seconded. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2016 starting at the chambers at 7pm. <i>No further action necessary.</i></p>	GP	Closed	16/4/27