



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	Recreation Trails Committee Meeting	
Meeting Location:	M/B Council Chambers	
Date / Time:	May 25, 2016	7:00pm – 8:10pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Geoff Patterson	

1. Purpose

Township Trails- related

2. Attendance

Name	Present	Name	Present
Joanne Logan	y	Darcy Wall	regret
Holly Forrest	y	Geoff Patterson	y
	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- Frank Cowan Trail Risk Management	All
7	Follow-up re: discussion of Perneel 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 Joanne Logan. CARRIED.	GP	closed	16/5/25
3	The Director invited members to declare items of pecuniary interest and no declarations of pecuniary interest were made by the group.	GP	closed	16/5/25
4.	Committee heard no delegations this evening.	GP	open	
5.	Minutes from last meeting were discussed by the group. Committee member Forrest felt that Clay bank Park should receive an informal environmental review before future uses were determined and Joanne Logan stated that her first attempt to get the McNamara Field Naturalists involved did not materialize. Ms. Logan has a new contact within that group and felt she would be able to put another trip to Clay bank together with this naturalist rep to help us get a better handle of just what type of species exist at that site. She hoped to put this together in the next couple weeks and will keep the Committee updated on when this Park visit will come to fruition.	GP	open	
	Mr. Patterson updated the group on Councillor Lang's earlier application for her Logger's Way project as Holly Forrest wondered if there was any update of the funding status at the previous meeting. Committee was informed that the Township was notified recently that the application was not successful.	all	closed	16/5/25
	Minutes from previous May trails meeting accepted moved for adoption by Holly Forrest and seconded by Committee member Joanne Logan. Carried.	GP	closed	16/5/25
6	Committee looked at a trail risk management related item as forwarded by Frank Cowan Insurance and the group thought it would be a valuable tool which provided some good insight into background on what is expected from an owner of a trail system. The Rec Director explained however, that this is presented from a biased perspective and he has heard other experts speak in risk management and they state groups like Frank Cowan can go over the top with their expectations of making facilities safe for public use.	GP	open	
7	Follow up from the visit to Perneel was discussed next by Committee as several members were able to do a site visit there in early May. Committee member Holly Forrest asked about the status of the land linking the School to the Perneel property to which the Rec Director replied that one of the parties had been contacted and details were discussed and there was another yet to be contacted, so the work was still in progress. The group concurred that the concept of linking 3 stakeholders such as the Board of Education, the Province and the township together on one collaborative project would be challenging but the benefits of having kids access a potentially amazing trail system would definitely be worth the effort. The members examined the County mapping of the Perneel site and elaborated on potential loops within the boundaries of the area. The Director explained that he was asked to get a price on what it would cost to have a parking area established at the Alexander Stewart nature reserve. Joanne Logan observed that if that was established hikers/bikers would have several options to park at before embarking on this trail system, those being the Alex Stewart reserve, the Perneel property as well as McNab School. This would be a great advantage as it would significantly increase trail capacity. Some of the significant concerns cited by the group during brainstorming included establishment of a bridge there that would enable a creek crossing and how the cell tower would affect placement of a potential trail system. Mr. Patterson indicated that he believed that some of the Healthy Kids Renfrew County funding could be utilized towards this project but that is still going through the approval process and it is believed that close to \$6000 may be available.	GP	Open	

4. Action Items:

No	Actions, Decisions and Important Issues	Responsible	Status	Closure Date
8	<p>Committee reviewed their Clay bank Park findings from their visit there and earlier meetings and wondered if this location should be utilized as the Trails Committee secondary priority, given the preoccupation by the Ec Dev Committee with the Clay bank facility. The thinking was with the survey coming out, it could help shed light on what the community wishes to see there, rather than a group arbitrarily deciding Clay bank's fate. Committee agreed that given the new information about the Alexander Stewart Nature Reserve and the potential funding and support that may be available from the County, or perhaps the Province for this initiative, it may be prudent to first explore the options of development of a basic trail system at the Perneel site.</p> <p>Committee member Holly Forrest stated she would like to continue with the registration process at Clay bank so the MNR will have it on their radar as a location in the Township where future development is intended. The group agreed that it made sense to check further into this "registration" process.</p> <p>Committee member Joanne Logan believed that Ec Dev Chair Hodinott should provide some form of update to the Trails Committee regarding the latest feedback on Claybank either in written form or verbally at a future Trails meeting.</p>	GP	open	
	<p>Rec Director Patterson invited the group to check out the County of Renfrew's Trail Strategy which was a recently released document he received from the Mayor. After a brief examination of this doc by the members present, it was decided that each member should have their own copy which will enable them to refer to it as needed. <i>Mr. Patterson will have photocopies made of the County Trails Strategy booklet and they will be made available at the next Trails meeting.</i></p>	GP	open	
9	<p>Committee member Holly Forrest moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm and Committee member Joanne Logan seconded. All were in favor. The next meeting time scheduled for June is still undecided pending confirmation from Field naturalists. <i>No further action necessary.</i></p>	GP	Closed	16/5/25