



# Minutes

## Of a Meeting of the Kenora Urban Trails Committee of the City of Kenora Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Operations Building Board Room

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**With** Diane Pelletier - Chair, Judy Underwood, Ren Amell, Barry Corbett

**Staff** Josh Nelson - Tourism Development Officer, Kylie Hissa – Planning Assistant, Dwayne German – Parks Technician, Kelly Galbraith - Administrative Assistant

**Regrets** Councillor Sharon Smith, Erik Skiby, Steve Mastromatteo, Tanis McIntosh, Dave Schwartz, Heather Gushulak

**Guest** James Tkachyk – Parks & Facilities Division Lead

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

### 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

There were none declared.

### 3. Norman Park/Splash Park Development with guest James Tkachyk, Parks & Facilities Division Lead

James Tkachyk, Parks & Facilities Division Lead was invited to the meeting to provide an update on the location of the Splash Park within Norman Park, as well as the required trails to access the site and washrooms.

James shared that RFP's for the project closed last week and 4 submittals were received. The Rotary Club of Kenora is involved in the scoring and selection of the contractor that will be selected. The costs have come in higher

than expected. To date the Rotary Club has raised \$458,000 for the project and they are continuing to raise funds. The project should be able to move forward this year but may have less features than originally planned. The splash park will be ready and operational by summer 2019 which is Rotary's 100 year anniversary.

An accessible trail will be installed from the splash pad site to the washrooms located near the beach. The trail material will be a quarter down type gravel that meets Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (ADOA) standards. A ditch on the site will require a culvert type pipe to allow for proper drainage and runoff. The path is part of the City's contribution to the project, along with some upgrades to the washrooms.

**Discussion:**

There was a lengthy discussion on the development of a trail connecting Norman Park to the Discovery Centre. It was asked if the trail to the washroom could be put off until spring 2019 to allow time for the Trails Committee to gain funds to develop the trail to the Discovery Centre. This could also help reduce costs by only having to bring in equipment to the site once, rather than multiple times. Costs associated with materials and equipment were discussed. James offered his help with costing out the trail to the Discovery Centre however, the exact location will need to be determined. Ren volunteered to meet Josh and map out the trail location.

**4. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**Moved by Ren Amell, seconded by Judy Underwood and CARRIED**

That the Minutes of the Kenora Urban Trails Committee meeting held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be confirmed as written and circulated.

**Discussion:**

There was a request for an update on the Walking Tour App. Josh informed the group that the app is on schedule and to date all timelines have been met.

**5. Volunteer Hours**

| Volunteer        | Jan  | Feb | Mar | Apr  | May  | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------------------|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Barry            |      |     |     | 25   | 1.25 |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Councillor Smith | 1.25 |     |     |      | 1.25 |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Dave             | 1.25 |     |     |      |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Diane            | 1.25 |     |     | 1.25 | 1.25 |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Erik             | 1.25 |     |     |      |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Heather          |      |     |     |      |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Judy             | 1.25 |     |     | 1.25 | 1.25 |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Ren              |      |     |     | 1.25 | 1.25 |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Steve            |      |     |     |      |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |

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| Tanis                                   | 1.25 |  |  | 1.25 |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Staff                                   |      |  |  |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dwayne                                  |      |  |  | 1.25 | 1.25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Josh                                    | 1.25 |  |  | 1.25 | 1.25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kelly                                   | 1.25 |  |  | 1.25 | 1.25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kylie                                   |      |  |  | 1.25 | 1.25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Melissa                                 |      |  |  | 1.25 |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friends of Trails<br>/Bike<br>Committee |      |  |  |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## 6. Sign Presentation Follow-Up

### Moved by Sharon Smith, seconded by Barry Corbett and CARRIED

That the Kenora Urban Trails Committee kindly declines the offer from Green and Gone Pest Solutions to provide signage as presented by Kaija Saarinen, the committee believes it is the responsibility of the Northwestern Health Unit to provide this information to the citizens of Kenora.

### Discussion:

The signage presentation from Green and Gone Pest Solutions was discussed at length. Liability, sign pollution and other hazards such as bears and blastomycosis were also discussed. The group felt it was best if the Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) take the lead on woodtick awareness in the community.

## 7. Path of the Paddle, Kenora Regional Trail Committee

An email from Bob Onysko, Chair of the Path of the Paddle Regional Trail Committee for Inoo Oowan (Jessica Lake MB to Kenora) and Migizi (Kenora to Dryden) was circulated to the group. The Path of the Paddle committee has put a call out for volunteers. Anyone interested in getting involved with Path of the Paddle can use the contact options below:

Bob Onysko: [bob@pathofthepaddleassociation.com](mailto:bob@pathofthepaddleassociation.com)

Gail Row: [gailickgirl@yahoo.ca](mailto:gailickgirl@yahoo.ca)

Madeleine Dreger: [msgd61@gmail.com](mailto:msgd61@gmail.com)

Michael Reynolds: [r.michael.reynolds@shaw.ca](mailto:r.michael.reynolds@shaw.ca)

***Diane arrived at 4:45pm***

## 8. Communications/Announcements

- **Forest School Accreditation**

Councillor Smith shared an article from the Kenora Daily Miner and News on Keewatin Public School becoming an accredited forest school. Students get to explore and learn about the forest and the wetland behind the school.

The Town of Keewatin recognized the value of the Mink Bay Wetland and worked with the community and Province to get the "Provincially Designated Westland" status and protection for that area. The designation is one of two in the North, and there are only a handful of these designations on the province.

The City of Kenora, through the Trail's Committee have developed, maintained and marketed the Mink Bay Walking Trail over the years for residents and non-residents, and it is well used in all seasons.

The Investment Readiness Report recognized the good work the City has done in investing in parks and recreation. These investments are an important component of economic development that is not always recognizable. The accreditation for Keewatin Public School is just another example of what this kind of investment can do for our community.

### **9. NWHUConnect – Healthy Environments App**

Judy provided information on the NWHUConnect – Healthy Environments App. The app is available for iOS smartphones and tablets and enables the public to interact with health unit programs from their mobile devices. Beach safety, safe drinking water, and the prevention of tick-borne disease is available on the app, as well as notifications for local health hazards alerts such as extreme temperature and air quality advisories. Another unique feature is the ability to electronically submit photos of ticks to Public Health inspectors to determine if it is a black-legged tick (deer).

### **10. Roundtable**

Judy provided information on the NWHU Hike it or Bike it challenge during the month of June, as well as a homeless population count being conducted in Kenora on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> through to Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. She also shared that Tick Kits are available at the NWHU.

Councillor Smith shared that she will circulate a radio segment from CBC on Lyme disease, to the committee members.

Dwayne informed the group that a community volunteer has come forward and offered to pick up the dog waste on Tunnel Island. The City will be placing a locked storage box with equipment used to collect the waste at the beginning of the trail. Concerns from community members were brought forward that only dog waste can be removed from the land, no other artifacts.

**11. Next meeting**

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.