



M i n u t e s
Of a Meeting of the Kenora Urban Trails Committee
of the City of Kenora
Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
Operations Building Board Room

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**With** Diane Pelletier - Chair, Judy Underwood, Councillor Sharon Smith, Ren Amell

**Staff** Kylie Hissa - Planning Assistant, Josh Nelson - Tourism Development Officer, Kelly Galbraith – Deputy Clerk/Customer Services Division Lead

**Guest** Colin Bowling

**Regrets** Barry Corbett, Heather Gushulak, Steve Mastromatteo, Tanis McIntosh, Dave Schwartz

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

There were none declared.

**3. "1933 Block", Laurensen's Creek Trail Discussion with guest Colin Bowling**

Colin was welcomed by the group. He shared his story that he lives near the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge and was out walking his dog when they began tearing down the old bridge. He asked to speak with supervisor to see what was going to happen with the original "1933" block from the bridge. He was informed it was to be demolished. Soon after he ran into Lori Nelson, Director of the Lake of the Woods Museum and he spoke with her regarding the block which was

about to be destroyed. Colin was soon after informed by the construction crew that the block had been destroyed in the demolition.

3 weeks ago it was brought to Colin's attention that a local resident had the "1933" block in their possession on private property near the newly constructed bridge. Another resident expressed interest to Colin in having the block on their property as 1933 is the year his father was born however it was thought the block would be better suited on the Laurenson's Creek trail with history of the area.

Colin shared that to move the block it would require equipment such as a frontend loader and he reached out to a friend with a backhoe who has offered to move the block. He also contacted Jeff Hawley, Manager of Operations and Infrastructure and Jeff advised him that the stone would need to be made smaller with special diamond blade.

**Discussion:**

The group was excited about incorporating the "1933" block into the Laurenson's Trail project. The logistics of moving the block were discussed and it was commented that when the block is moved it can only be moved once. It will need to be determined if the resident in possession of the block is willing to donate to the trail. Colin offered to contact the resident to get more information and he will contact Councillor Smith with his findings.

The group was reminded the trail is a hydro corridor therefor approval to place the block along the trail will be required from Hydro. Councillor Smith asked Josh to find out where the Kenora Hydro access is. It was noted as part of hydro's work there is now a new hydro line that is overhead of the creek.

Kylie shared that she attends the Heritage Committee meetings and will bring this forward to the committee to see if there is interest in the project. Kylie will also contact Terry Garbachewski, GIS Technologist to see if it is possible to get video of the trail area with the use of the drone. Councillor Smith suggested Colin attend the Heritage Committee meeting with Kylie.

**4. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes  
Moved by Judy Underwood, seconded by Councillor Smith and  
CARRIED**

That the Minutes of the Kenora Urban Trails Committee meeting held on September 12, 2018 be confirmed as written and circulated.

## 5. Committee Membership

The group was reminded that committee membership will expire on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Kelly circulated the comprehensive board members ad along with the application to the group. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, November 16, 2018 at noon.

## 6. 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 | 2.25 |     |     | 1.5  | 1   |     |     |
| Dave                                    | 1.25 |     |     |      |      | 1.25 |     |     | 1.5  |     |     |     |
| Diane                                   | 1.25 |     |     | 1.25 | 1.25 |      |     |     | 1.5  | 1   |     |     |
| Erik                                    | 1.25 |     |     |      |      |      |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Heather                                 |      |     |     |      |      |      |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Judy                                    | 1.25 |     |     | 1.25 | 1.25 | 2.25 |     |     | 1.5  | 1   |     |     |
| Ren                                     |      |     |     | 1.25 | 1.25 | 2.25 |     |     |      | 1   |     |     |
| Steve                                   |      |     |     |      |      |      |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Tanis                                   | 1.25 |     |     | 1.25 |      | 1.25 |     |     | 1.5  |     |     |     |
| Staff                                   |      |     |     |      |      |      |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Dwayne                                  |      |     |     | 1.25 | 1.25 |      |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Josh                                    | 1.25 |     |     | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 |     |     | 1.5  | 1   |     |     |
| Kelly                                   | 1.25 |     |     | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 |     |     | 1.5  | 1   |     |     |
| Kylie                                   |      |     |     | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 |     |     |      | 1   |     |     |
| Melissa                                 |      |     |     | 1.25 |      |      |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Friends of Trails<br>/Bike<br>Committee |      |     |     |      |      |      |     |     |      |     |     |     |

## 7. Roundtable

It was commented the committee needs a project. The "1933" block was discussed as a good starting point to begin the Laurenson's Creek trail project. A call to the public for photos and stories of Laurenson's Creek was suggested. Partnerships with the Heritage Committee, Accessibility Advisory Committee and King George School were discussed.

## 8. Next meeting

Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.