



Minutes

Special Kenora Urban Recreation Trails Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Kenora Rec Centre, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Present: Judy Underwood
Heather Pihulak
Diane Pelletier
Joe Kurtz
Stace Gander
Lorelie Van Belleghem

Sharon Smith
Heather Gushulak
Darlene MacGillvary
Tanis MacInstosh
Barry Corbett

Guests: Bob Spencer, Barb Spencer, Lillian Zvanovec, John Barr, Sheila Luby

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

- 1) On Today's Agenda
- 2) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance.

There were none declared.

3. Adopt Minutes of Previous Meetings – June 13, 2019

The adoption of minutes were deferred to the next regular meeting as this was a special meeting.

4. Horseback Riding on Trails System

Stace Gander, Manager of Community Services presented information regarding the trail system which is not part of the park and is on City property. He presented the committee with a GIS map of the trails in the Rabbit Lake area, photo of the trail head sign for Rabbit Lake Trail and a clip from the 'Welcome to Kenora Bed 'N' Bale from their website.

Stace advised the committee that he spoke to the Scatliffe Firm who developed the Beaches Parks and Trails Plan for the City. He was not supportive of horses on our trails and did not recommend the City support it. Further, Frank Cowan

Insurance advised that we should not allow it and Stace's report to Council will be recommending that we do not allow horses on our trails.

There is no standard in Canada for this type of use on trails but lots of standards in the United States. The recommendation from the Trails Committee is that it is not supported.

Chose Rabbit lake Trail as our accessible trail did a lot of work to pave those trails to make them accessible. Lots of canopy on those trails and don't want to see it cut

It was suggested that we sign our trails with what each trail is intended for in regards to use.

Recommendation to Council:

Moved by Tanis MacIntosh, Seconded by Darlene MacGillvary:

That the Kenora Urban Trails Committee recommends to Council that we do not allow horse riding on our City owned trail system; and further

That the Committee recommends additional signage on the trails to advise the use of the trails excludes horses.

5. Trails and Tours App

Deferred to next regular meeting.

6. Kenora Rotary

The Kenora Rotary Club has asked if someone would come and make a presentation about the City Trails. Councillor Sharon Smith and Stace Gander will make a presentation about our Trails at an upcoming Rotary Club meeting. Kelly Williams from the Rotary Club will contact Sharon and let the committee know.

- Community Schedule
- KACL Partnership

Councillor Sharon Smith led a very successful trail walk and received many positive comments from that walk. KACL is very interested in making walking sticks and make that part of using the trails. If we had a fall schedule we could create a schedule and we could partner. They could lead groups or the trail guide and trail app is also available for a self-guided tours. Diane and Judy will work on a schedule for fall guided walks. If someone knows the Rotary Trail and could take that trail that would be helpful. Cuyler Cotton did a really great one for Tunnel Island and if we could get the others done it would be beneficial.

7. Volunteer Hours

Barry has 86 volunteer hours for July. He can do the Vernon trail and Nadine may do the Minaki one. They will create a schedule and circulate. Diane had 3 hours and Judy 4 hours, Sharon 3 hours, Darlene 2 hours, Heather one hour.

8. West Bay Road Parking Lot – Mink Bay Trail and signage

Sharon updated the group that we needed some parking on the west area side for Mink Bay Trail use. Operations has done clearing in the area so you can get about 3 cars in there but need to now think about signage for the area. Kelly will place this item on the next agenda.

9. Funding for Water Fill Stations

It was questioned how we are going to move forward with fundraising the outstanding amounts left. Sharon suggested we approach the LOWDC for MAT tax money and this would be a good use and an opportunity. Stace noted that the Kenora Rotary Club may be a better fit. Stace noted that staff are looking at capital budgets right now, and Sharon referenced that the committee always misses the deadline. Stace's 5 year capital plan has been submitted already. Sharon made a suggestion for the committee which was to look at the Parks, Beaches & Trails plan and see if there is something there that we want to be focused on. Stace will attend the next meeting to discuss something related to Coney Island. It was suggested that the Beaches, Parks and Trails report be shared with the committee. Recommendation that we send a letter to the Kenora Rotary Club and when the presentation is made we reinforce the ask to the Club during the presentation on the trails. Canadian Tire received funds that are in excess and they are seeking a project. The Rotary Club meeting is next week and a letter should go to them immediately as their meeting is next week.

10. Roundtable

Tunnel Island was discussed and Councillor Smith advised that it is not a City trail and we do not control that property at all. The Common Ground Tunnel Island working group controls it and they have been gracious to allow a trail system and they allow us to promote the trail system, little bit of parking, but we don't have any authority or rights to that land. There are signs posted there by H2O now about cautioning about swimming and Karen Brown, CAO will be trying to arrange a meeting with the Common Ground group to address some of the issues that are surrounding them.

11. Next Meeting Date

Meetings will now be 4:30 p.m. and will be held at the Kenora Recreation Centre, 2nd floor board room. Next meeting will be September 11th @ 4:30 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.