



**M i n u t e s**  
**Of a Meeting of the**  
**Kenora Urban Recreational Trails Committee**  
**of the City of Kenora**  
**Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Kenora Rec Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room**

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**With** Diane Pelletier, Tanis McIntosh, Karen Pries, Judy Underwood, Councillor Sharon Smith, Barry Corbett

**Staff** Josh Nelson - Tourism Development Officer, Kelly Galbraith - Deputy Clerk/Customer Services Division Lead

**Regrets** Ren Amell, Lorelie Van Belleghem, Darlene MacGillivray

**Guest** Colin Bowling

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm. Roundtable introductions were done, new members and guests were welcomed by the group.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

There were none declared.

**3. Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Diane Pelletier and CARRIED**

That the Minutes of the Kenora Urban Trails Committee meeting held on May 8, 2019 be confirmed as written and circulated.

**Discussion:** It was asked if Bruce provided any updates on his take back to Engineering regarding signage to indicate that vehicles will be turning at the Tunnel Island entrance as well as location identification on the trails. Kelly will follow-up with Bruce and report back to the group at the June meeting.

Judy informed the group the revisions to the Friends of Trails brochure are complete. With the school year coming to an end the meeting with the schools will take place in the fall. Judy will send the finalized brochure to Kelly to circulate to the group.

Councillor Smith spoke about the parking for Mink Bay Trail. There is an unmarked area along Bay Road which she would like to see designated as parking for the trails. There are some boulders that would need to be removed and some signage would be required. Kelly will reach out to the appropriate departments to determine what would be involved.

#### **4. Community Foundation Grant Proposal**

Josh provided an update on the grant proposal submitted to the Community Foundation for two water bottle filling stations. The total ask from the Community Foundation was for \$12,304.52 and an additional \$4,000 will be required though fundraising efforts. Letters of support were received from KACL, Northwestern Health Unit, Kenora Rowing Club, and École Ste-Marguerite School. The environmental component of the water filling stations was discussed and it was expressed any steps to reduce single use plastic water bottles is a step forward.

Once the response from the Community Foundation is received, next steps for the fundraising component can begin. On May 14<sup>th</sup> a request to Council for charitable status will be made at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Josh thanked Judy, Diane, Darlene and Helena Devins, Mاتیowski Market/Special Events Coordinator for their efforts in writing the request and the researching the various equipment options.

#### **5. Future Direction of the Committee**

Councillor Smith spoke to the budgetary issues the City is faced with. There is no funding available for new trails development. Due to these limitations it was asked how the committee would like to proceed.

Meeting frequency, member participation and funding were discussed at length. Members agreed there is need for a project but without a budget this is difficult. Ideas for community engagement events such as star gazing, bird watching, photography, health and fitness, and historical tours were discussed.

*Josh left the meeting at 4:35pm*

#### **6. Committee Membership**

##### **Moved by Judy Underwood, Seconded by Tanis McIntosh and CARRIED**

That the Kenora Urban Recreation Trails Committee's Term of Reference be amended to include a representative from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

##### **Discussion:**

Councillor Smith shared that historically a representative from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport has been a part of the committee however, the

committee's Terms of Reference did not reflect this. The terms of reference will be amended to include this.

## 7. Volunteer Hours

| Volunteer        | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May  | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Barry            |     |     | 1   | 1.5 | 15.5 |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Councillor Smith |     |     | 1   | 1.5 | 1.5  |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Darlene          |     | 1   | 1   | 1.5 | 7.5  |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Diane            |     | 1   | 1   | 1.5 | 7.5  |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Judy             |     |     | 1   | 4.5 | 7.5  |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Karen            |     | 1   |     |     | 1.5  |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Lorelie          |     | 1   | 1   | 1.5 |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Ren              |     | 1   | 1   | 1.5 |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Tanis            |     | 1   |     | 1.5 | 1.5  |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Staff            |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Josh             |     | 1   | 1   |     | 7.5  |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |
| Kelly            |     | 1   | 1   | 1.5 | 1    |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |

## 8. Roundtable

Judy invited the group to attend a guided tour of Mink Bay Trail lead by Councillor Smith on Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 2:30, hosted by the NWHU. Participants were also invited to bring along painted rocks, which is part of a project called Kenora Rocks, Raising the Vibe. Rocks with happy pictures or positive words and sayings will be hidden along the trail for people to find them. Found rocks can be kept, given away or re- hidden.

The group was invited to attend a walk along Laurenson's Creek Trail to share ideas for future development following the meeting.

## 9. Next meeting

- June 12, 2019

## 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.