

KENORA URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Jan. 11, 2011 **Time** 8 a.m. **Location** Operations – Training Room

Special Guests		
Attendance		
Barb Manson	Dan Essery	Steve Mastromatteo
Judy Underwood	Lisa Yeomans	Sharon Smith
Dave Schwartz	Ren Amell	Penny Beal
Regrets		
Diane Pelletier	Heather Paterson	Jennifer Findlay
Jeff Wykes		

#	Responsibility	Item	Due Date	Status
			2010	
1	Barb/Sharon	Grand Opening Ceremony – Mink Bay Bridge	Spring 2011	
2	Barb	Accessible picnic table – Rotary Way – Spring 2011 installation.	Spring 2011	
3	Judy/Barb	Update and review power point presentation	Feb. 2011	
4	Barb	Bench donation from Kenora Comm. Foundation – Rat Portage Trail – ordered with spring installation	Spring 2011	
5	Barb	Meet with Rick Perchuk to discuss Year Round Trails	Feb. 2011	
6	Dan/Barb	Research – Material for Historical Plaques – Rat Portage Trail	Feb. 2011	
7	Penny/Barb	Research – Material for Historical Plaques – Rabbit Lake Trails	Feb. 2011	
8	Ren/Barb	Trail Inventory – of all trails	Apr. 2011	
9	Barb	Bylaw – Non-Motorized Trails	Feb. 2011	
10	Dan/Barb/Diane	Apply for MNR funding for Rat Portage Trail.	Feb. 2011	
11	Barb/John D.	Signage – new feeders Mink Bay & move other signs	Spring 2011	
12	Dave	Bicycle Route Sub-Committee - Report	Feb. 2011	
13	Jennifer	Revisions to literature review - Cross Cultural Trail Development – to present at next Trail Meeting	Feb. 2011	
14	Barb	Cultural Landscape Designation – Mink Bay Trail	Feb. 2011	

MEETING NOTES

CALL TO ORDER

Barb Manson called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Judy Underwood and seconded by Sharon Smith to accept the Minutes of the December 7, 2010 Kenora Urban Trails Meeting.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS & NEW CHAIR

New Committee member Lisa Yeomans was introduced.

Moved by Sharon Smith and seconded by Penny Beal to nominate Diane Pelletier as Chair of the Kenora Urban Trails Committee. No further nominations were put forward. ACCLAIMED.

PRESENTATION

Tunnel Island Literature Paper – CURA Student – On hold until next meeting. Jennifer sends her regrets.

ADMINISTRATION

Bicycle Sub-Committee

Members of the Bicycle Sub-committee are Dave Schwartz, Ray Boivin, Steve Strachan, Edie Fisher, Jennifer Findlay, Tara Rickaby & Marco Vogrig. At their next meeting to set priority routes, discuss signage and pavement markings and financing. Dave to update at next Trails Meeting.

Usage Designation for Trails

A lengthy discussion took place on the usage designation of each trail. The Committee decided that the following trails should be designated non-motorized trails – Mink Bay Trail (Mink Bay Wetland area portion of trail only), Rat Portage Trail (Laurenson's Creek portion of trail only) and the Rabbit Lake Trail (paved portion of trail). In 2007, a resolution was passed prohibiting snowmobiles on the Mink Bay Trail. Some discussion took place on suggesting alternate routes for the snowmobilers and quads. A recommendation to be developed by Barb to present to the Trails Committee and then to Council as a bylaw.

DEVELOPMENT OF TRAILS

Beaches, Parks & Trails Development- Update

Jennifer submitted update. The consultants will be brought in to provide a presentation to the new council and then a meeting will be held with the steering committee.

Mink Bay Trail

Names for the feeder trails of Mink Bay were discussed.

Moved by Sharon Smith and seconded by Penny Beal that the following

names be chosen for the two feeder trails:

Mink Rapids Trail (leading from main trail to bridge crossing)

Slabtown Way (leading from bridge to sawdust pile and into wooded area and back to main trail) CARRIED.

Moved by Sharon Smith and seconded by Penny Beal that the Kenora Urban Trails Committee request the Heritage Kenora Committee to designate the provincially designated Mink Bay Wetland area as a Heritage Cultural Landscape as recommended in the Beaches, Parks & Trails Consultant's Report. This sensitive area is listed in the Official Plan. Barb to bring request forward to the Heritage Kenora Committee. CARRIED.

Rat Portage Urban Trail

Planning work being carried out during the winter and then construction of this portion of the trail will begin in the spring.

Barb & Dan to research historical information about this trail.

Rabbit Lake Trail – Phase II

Received \$68,000 from Trillium Foundation. Further funding opportunities are being investigated. To begin project in the spring.

Barb & Penny to research historical information about this trail.

SIGNAGE

Directional Signage

Mink Bay Directional signage has been placed, some signs to be moved, not in location requested. Rat Portage Urban Trail signs to be placed in the spring.

Mink Bay – Feeder Trail Signs – Barb to order and have placed in the spring.

PROMOTION

Trails Power Point Presentation

Update required. Barb & Judy to review and update.

FUNDING

Update – Grants:

Trillium Grant - Phase II – Rabbit Lake Trail – \$68,000 Grant approved by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Kenora Rotary – President's Project - Barb applied for a \$10,000

President's Project grant towards the Rabbit Lake Trail – Phase II project.

Kenora Community Foundation Grant – Barb applying for this grant towards the Rabbit Lake Trail – Phase II.

MNR Funding – Diane and Barb to complete this grant application for the Rat Portage Trail Development.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 – 8 a.m. – Operations Training Room

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