



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Recreation Trails Committee Meeting	
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	M/B Council Chambers	
<b>Date / Time:</b>	Oct 26, 2016	7:00pm – 9:10pm
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Geoff Patterson	

### 1. Purpose

Township Trails- related

### 2. Attendance

Name	Present	Name	Present
Joanne Logan		Darcy Wall	y
Holly Forrest	Y	Geoff Patterson	y

### 3. Agenda

No.	Subject	Responsible
1	Call to Order/Welcome/Attendance	GP
2	Adoption of Agenda	All
3	Declaration of pecuniary interest	all
4	Delegations –	
5	Adopt minutes from previous meeting/business arising	All
6	County trail	GP
7	Correspondence- discussion re letter to editor	All
8	Follow-up re Perneel/Clay bank	All
9	Action Items/Other Business	All
10	Next meeting/Adjournment	All

#### 4. Action Items:

No	Actions, Decisions and Important Issues	Responsible	Status	Closure Date
1	The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Rec Director Patterson and attendance was taken.	GP	Open	
2.	Committee member Holly Forrest moved that the agenda be adopted and it was seconded by Committee member Darcy Wall. CARRIED.	GP	closed	16/10/26
3	The Director invited members to declare items of pecuniary interest and no declarations of pecuniary interest were made by the group.	GP	closed	16/10/26
4.	Committee heard no delegations this evening.	GP	open	
5.	Minutes from last meeting were reviewed by the group. Committee member Forrest wondered if Ms. Logan has a new contact within the Field Naturalists but Mr. Patterson informed her that we were still unable to get a representative from that group to address our committee.	GP	open	
	Holly Forrest wondered if there was any update about the possibility of receiving funding from the Canada 150 program to which the Recreation Director replied that some funds were received under that program and the funding status about a phase 2 portion of the program has not been decided yet at this point but he believed that no requests for funding by the Township involved trails improvement or establishment.	all	closed	16/10/26
	Minutes from previous May trails meeting accepted moved for adoption by Darcy Wall and seconded by Committee member Holly Forrest. Carried.	GP	closed	16/10/26
6	Committee looked at the Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail documented distributed by Mr. Patterson which was put together by County officials in conjunction with their open house town hall meetings at various locations throughout the Valley regarding their acquiring the former CP railbed from Smiths Falls to Mattawa. Mr. Patterson explained that the group are currently fact finding in local communities and dealing with questions from the public about their new 296km asset which is valued at approximately \$77 million. Mr. Patterson noted that the County has elected to call the trail the "Algonquin Trail" and it is deemed as a multi-use recreational trail. The width of the County's acquisition is expansive and County Trail officials are confident that both motorized and Non-motorized users of the trail will peacefully co-exist as each user group will have plenty of space to utilize the significant width of the trail independent of user groups which are more non-compatible. Pubic consultation will be of significance as to shaping the development of this unique corridor.	GP	open	
7	Follow up from a copy of a letter to the editor in the Chronicle Guide was forwarded by Committee member Joanne Logan. The letter was of a very negative opinion citing deficiencies with the existing Rec Trail in McNab/Braeside, Arnprior, Horton and Renfrew. Due to the nature of the letter, the committee felt a response was unwarranted.	GP	closed	16/10/26

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8	<p>Committee reviewed their discussion on prioritization involving Clay bank Park and Perneel area trail establishment and concurred findings indicated from their visit to both and their earlier meetings which pointed to the Perneel area being a priority zone to begin establishing working trails this fall in preparation for winter. <i>Committee Member Darcy Wall indicated that he would talk to Paul Neil, one of the adjacent land owners, on what he felt would be of assistance with this initiative.</i> Mr. Patterson stated that snowshoes will be purchased which will be available through the Healthy Kids grant and be available to public so they can utilize the trail system during the upcoming winter. It was agreed that the group would next enter the Alexander Stewart nature reserve to inventory what exist in that parcel of land and how it could be connected to the Perneel area as well as McNab Public School through established trails. <i>Mr Patterson stated he is currently gathering pricing about establishing a holding parking area at Alexander Stewart Nature reserve and should have more information about those details at the next meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Committee member Holly Forrest stated she would like to approach Algonquin College to see if their Forestry program would be of benefit to the Committee work as she felt they may be able to volunteer their help or give advice on trees or signage or other pertinent topics associated with trail development.</i></p> <p>Committee member Darcy Wall has been researching “Food Forests” concepts and believed that educating trail users on gardening and horticultural interests would be an ideal way to feature various highlights nearby the Trail location and that it would have a natural tie-in with McNab/Braeside Market, which of course, is located at the Perneel site. <i>Darcy stated he would continue to gather more information on this concept and continue to make the Committee aware of his findings but felt adding some fruit bearing trees to help identify exactly where the trail is situated could be extremely beneficial.</i></p>	GP	open	
	<p>Rec Director Patterson distributed the County of Renfrew’s Trail Strategy booklet to the members as promised and after a brief examination of this doc by the members present, it was decided that each member could explore further at home and bring any issues requiring clarification to subsequent meetings.</p> <p>Committee also felt that if we were to make headway with trails establishment, we may need to recruit some volunteers to help do the work and part of that effort may be achieved through Rec Committee. The Rec Committee will be approached on this, pending the outcome of the groups’ visit to Alexander Stewart Nature Reserve on November 1st.</p>	GP	open	
9	<p>Committee member Holly Forrest moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm and Committee member Darcy Wall seconded. All were in favor. <b><i>The next meeting will be in the field November 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm at Perneel for some on site exploration . No further action necessary.</i></b></p>	GP	Closed	16/10/26