



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	Recreation Trails Committee Meeting	
Meeting Location:	M/B Council Chambers	
Date / Time:	June 1, 2017	8:05pm – 9:43pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Geoff Patterson	

1. Purpose

Township Trails- related

2. Attendance

Name	Present	Name	Present
Joanne Logan	regret	Darcy Wall	y
Holly Forrest	Y	Geoff Patterson	y
Cindy Burns	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 – nil	
5	Adopt minutes from previous meeting/	All
6	Business from previous minutes	All
7	Correspondence- Potential Naming of Bob Daze Trail from Council	All
8	Spring/Summer Action Plan	All
9	Other Business (Visioning) etc	All
10	Next meeting/Adjournment	All

4. Action Items:

No	Actions, Decisions and Important Issues	Response	Status	Closure Date
1	The meeting was called to order at 8:05pm by Rec Director Patterson and attendance taken, with all members unable to be present.	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	17/06/01
3	The Director invited members to declare items of pecuniary interest and no declarations of pecuniary interest were made by the group.	GP	closed	17/06/01
4.	Committee heard from no delegations this evening...	GP	closed	17/06/01
5.	Minutes from the previous March trails meeting accepted moved for adoption by member Holly Forrest and seconded by Committee member Darcy Wall.		open	
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6	No business arose from previous minutes	GP	open	
7	<p>Committee looked at a matter forwarded by Council, regarding a community group's proposal to dedicate a portion of the Township's Recreational Trail in memory of a man from the Madison Heights area of the Township of McNab/Braeside.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting, the Township policy of naming assets was reviewed by Committee and Rec Director Patterson spoke about the last asset naming he was involved with, that being Sterling Toner Memorial Park, which is located at the Braeside RA recreational area. Committee felt that this was a much different situation than the proposal received by the Madison Heights group.</p> <p>Bob Daze was a former educator and a prominent resident of the area, a community leader and former user of the recreational trail in the Madison Heights area. The Trails Committee looked at a specific request put forward by a group of Bob's friends, family and colleagues to Council and Council wished the Trails group to weigh in on this issue prior to their final decision on the proposal. Issues discussed included the consistent style of signage to what is currently in place, setting a precedent for other groups that may bring forward similar requests and costs associated with this type of project. The Rec Director outlined what the signage in place on the Trail looked like at the present time and they believed that this look should continue. This was consistent with the request made by the Madison Heights group. Trails Committee wondered if re-naming part of the Trail would confuse the public into thinking that the entire M/B Rec Trail was named after Mr. Daze, but after discussion it was believed that only a small portion of the section would have some signage to this effect and that it would not confuse the public. The next discussion revolved around costs of the sign and the group didn't feel that the cost of the dedication of the sign should be borne by the taxpayers. The Rec Director pointed out that the signage in place currently is not elaborate and there is budget in place currently associated with signage and Trail maintenance that could cover the costs on a standardized sign similar to the ones currently in place. The Trails group felt that since it is a legitimate request proposed by the citizens of the area, they are in favor of dedicating a small portion of the trail in memory of Mr. Daze, only if the costs of the sign are covered by the citizens group and the style of sign is not elaborate and remains consistent with the current signage in place on the Trail.</p>	GP	open	

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8	<p>Cindy Burns notified the group that the Alexander Stewart Park was still quite wet and we would be still unable to get on the those trails due to mud, so we would have to start with another area for our spring/summer action plan. This remains the priority of Committee so we decided that pegging out a more specific route near the school or Perneel property could be a more logical next step. Mr. Wall felt in order to be outside to do hands on actual work on the trails that link Alex Stewart Park, Perneel area and McNab Public School, he wished to have more concise boundaries marked out so that we don't encroach on the wrong land. Mr. Wall noted that Mr. Neil, the adjacent landowner, maintains that he could assist with appropriate machinery and perhaps some materials to help make some of the trail development chores go along in a more timely fashion. Darcy Wall also stated that he thought we better check with Mr. Hamilton about whether his agreement to work the Perneel farmland is still in place this summer as this could also affect where we begin to develop.</p> <p><i>Rec Director will ask Building Department to help identify specific boundaries between landowners.</i></p>	GP	open	
9	<p>Committee agreed that the Perneel/Stewart/MP School should remain a priority but felt that the MNR agreement should be reviewed once more prior to action at Alex Stewart Park. At one time MNR stated that they would be willing to subsidize some work which could potentially done on a parking lot area. There was significant discussion that a larger parking lot area should be off Maple Bend instead of Russett as this winter there were several safety challenges associated with parking on Russett with such a small, non-practical entrance. It was noted that angle parking could be easily established off of Maple Bend and the group wished to get there in order to get a better consensus on this matter.</p> <p>The group discussed locations of signage, signage content and whether or not there should be porta-potties located at the Alex Stewart area. It was felt if the MNR could help with this, it would help create more users at the Park, as its' family friendliness would increase with better facilities and associated services offered.</p> <p><i>Rec Director will review with CAO on what MNR specified that they may bring to the table to support our development initiatives.</i></p> <p>With Township support, Committee member Darcy Wall has put together Friday work crews of youngsters willing to do volunteer work through the Rec Department which will help with establishment of trails around the Perneel area. Work will completed by students and their efforts will go toward hours required for their high school graduation and work will be coordinated through the Rec Department. Work will consist of working with tree planting, mulch and trail construction and general clean-up. The group unanimously supported Mr. Wall's initiative. Mr. Wall also felt the group should begin to look into options for bridge crossings as eventually there will be some minor water to cross in the trails system.</p>	GP	open	
	<p><i>Rec Director Patterson said we would meet in the field for our next Trails group function and that the Alexander Stewart Park will be a good starting point.</i></p>	GP	open	
10	<p>Committee member Darcy Wall moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm and Committee member Cindy Burns seconded. All were in favor. <i>The next meeting will be in a location to be determined, possibly at a location in the field.. No further action necessary.</i></p>	GP	Closed	17/6/01