



TRAILS & BIKEWAY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: MacBain Community Centre

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Lisa Wilson (Chair), Bob Romanuk, Kelly Dickenson, Councillor Jim Diodati, Tommy Anello (Vice-Chair), Judy Quagliariello, James Megannety, Rob McDonald (staff, minutes), Pat Mascarin (Guest), Denyse Morrissey, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture (staff)

Regrets: Tony Caruso, Harvey Gordon, Dean Cruikshank

REGULAR MEETING:

1. Minutes of Meeting - November 5, 2009

IT WAS MOVED BY, Kelly Dickenson seconded by Jim Diodati that the minutes of the meeting of November 5, 2009, be approved.

Carried

2. Kalar Road On-Street Parking

Denyse Morrissey, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture attended the meeting to discuss the Kalar Road bike lane issue with the Committee. Denyse outlined that there was a letter received from a resident requesting that parking be allowed on Kalar Road during the winter months. Council will be reviewing this at their January 25th Community Services meeting. Denyse stressed the importance of the Committee attending the meeting and providing staff with comments for the report.

The Committee discussed contacting other bicycle clubs and organizations within the Region, local schools, YMCA, Boys & Girls Club etc. to gain their support in hopes that they can attend the Community Services meeting.

Kalar Road has been identified as a major bike route on the Transportation Master Plan and it is important to support the staff recommendation to keep the lane used exclusively for bicycles.

3. Committee Elections

The Committee decided to not hold elections and to keep the current Chair (Lisa Wilson) and Vice-Chair (Tommy Anello) for the duration of this Committee term.

4. Olympic Torch Legacy Trail Opening

The Committee was happy with the attendance for the opening of the Olympic Torch Run Legacy Trail. A number of media representatives were in attendance.

5. Community Advisory Group (Sustainable Transportation Master Plan)

Bob Romanuk will be representing the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee for the task force and will also represent and report back to the Trails & Bikeway Committee.

The next meeting will be held at City Hall on January 26th from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

6. Winter Carnival

Lisa spoke to the Committee about ideas for a winter carnival using the Olympic Torch Run Legacy Trail to promote activity in the winter months and also as a fundraiser for trail amenities. The intent is to get other City Committees and the downtown BIA to assist with the event.

The Committee will continue to review the event and will discuss at future meetings for possible implementation for next winter.

7. Ride of Silence

Lisa updated the Committee on the event date for 2010 which is Wednesday, May 19th beginning at 7:00 pm.

Kalar Road will be added to the route this year and the location will continue to be the MacBain Community Centre.

8. New Business

The Committee will review the Terms of Reference at the next scheduled meeting in February.

Denyse Morrissey advised the Committee that Rob McDonald will be working on the Gale Centre project and that Mark Richardson will be the new staff liaison beginning in February.

The Committee discussed the Leisure Guide and decided on promoting the Bike Train, the Olympic Torch Run Legacy Trail, the Ride of Silence, the Millennium Trail - Section 4 and the Bike Camp that is being proposed by the YMCA.

Bob Romanuk advised the Committee of a number of meetings being hosted by Bike Train representatives to cater to the needs of cyclists for hotels, restaurants etc.

Staff updated the Committee on the two trail construction projects to be completed in 2010.

Sections 3 & 4 of the Olympic Torch Run Legacy Trail will be complete in the Spring of 2010.

Section 4 of the Millennium Trail is being tendered in late January with the anticipated construction to begin in the spring. The tentative schedule has section 4 completed by the end of July 2010.

10. Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY Jim Diodati, seconded by Kelly Dickenson, that the meeting be adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: MacBain Community Centre

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