



TRAILS & BIKEWAY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: MacBain Community Centre

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Lisa Wilson (Chair), Bob Romanuk, Dean Cruikshank, Kelly Dickenson, Martin Berzins, Harvey Gordon, Tommy Anello (Vice-Chair), Councillor Jim Diodati, Judy Quagliariello, Rob McDonald(staff, minutes)

Regrets: Tony Caruso

REGULAR MEETING:

1. Minutes of Meeting - June 4, 2009

IT WAS MOVED BY, Kelly Dickenson seconded by Martin Berzins that the minutes of the meeting of June 4, 2009, be approved.

Carried

2. Business Arising from the Minutes of June 4, 2009

Staff updated the Committee that Transportation staff are available for meetings when requested but not on a monthly basis.

The Committee requested that staff contact the Director of Transportation to request staff to be present on a quarterly basis at the minimum.

The Committee would like to be made aware of any road reconstruction or resurfacing projects in the City of Niagara Falls. Staff will make this request to the Transportation Department.

IT WAS MOVED BY, Judy Quagliarello seconded by Bob Romanuk, that a memo be sent to the Transportation Department from the Chair requesting an update on the status of the bike lane on Kalar Road from Kate S. Durdan and Loretto Elementary School to McLeod Road and to identify the minimum standard required for a bridge that could cross the 420 Highway at the end of the Palmer Avenue Trail .

Carried

3. 'The Big Move' Ride for Cancer

'The Big Move' Ride for Cancer is taking place on September 20, 2009. There are currently 160 riders confirmed. Volunteers are needed for the event. Lisa Wilson is participating in the event.

4. Whirlpool Trail Restoration

The Niagara Parks Commission has approved the repair of another set of steps along the Niagara River Recreation Trail. The work will be completed and ready for volunteers to backfill on September 26, 2009.

IT WAS MOVED BY, Harvey Gordon seconded by Judy Quagliarello, that Lisa Wilson be authorized to purchase food and refreshments from the Trails & Bikeway Committee budget for the volunteers .

Carried

5. Communities In Bloom

Lisa Wilson attended the Communities in Bloom judges tour by assisting with the Millennium Trail tour. The events and activities of the Trails & Bikeway Committee were represented well in the presentations and welcome booklet.

6. Palmer Avenue Trail

Staff updated the Committee on the status of the Palmer Avenue Trail development.

- current budget of \$265,000 (does not include park features at this time)
- tender out in late September
- report to Council in October
- construction to begin in late Oct., early Nov.
- public open house scheduled for later in September with notice in the paper
- Trails & Bikeway Committee to be in attendance and provide support
- residents within 400 ft. of project will be notified by mail

7. Millennium Trail - Section 4

Staff updated the Committee on the status of the Millennium Trail (Section 4) development.

- Millennium Trail project received Rinc funding
- project budget of \$370,000
- meeting with Ontario Power Generation scheduled for late September, staff will notify Committee members of date and time
- tender out in early 2010
- current schedule has completion by the end of July 2010
- public open house will occur before tender
- Ontario Power Generation has a license with CN to go under the bridge

IT WAS MOVED BY, Martin Berzins seconded by Kelly Dickenson, that the City of Niagara Falls include the CN owned train bridge in the master plan for the Millennium Trail to ensure the bridge is saved and retained for recreation purposes in the future.

Carried

8. Volunteer Recognition Evening

The Committee selected Steve Wilson for his efforts in the Whirlpool Trail restoration project as the individual award recipient and Moodies' Bakery as the Corporate Sponsor for their involvement in the Bike Safety Clinic.

9. New Business

Martin Berzins announced his resignation effective after the October meeting. The Committee thanked Martin for his many years of service.

The Committee reviewed an application from Mr. James Megannetty seeking to join the Trails & Bikeway Committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY, Martin Berzins seconded by Harvey Gordon, that the staff liaison provide a memo to the Clerk requesting that Mr. James Megannetty be appointed to the Trails & Bikeway Committee.

Carried

There was discussion about the Ontario Bike Summit taking place in Waterloo. There were no Committee members available to attend the Summit.

IT WAS MOVED BY, Bob Romanuk seconded by Martin Berzins, that the cost for the Ontario Bike Summit for the staff liaison be paid for with the Trails & Bikeway Committee budget.

Carried

10. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: MacBain Community Centre