

## RAIL TRAIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007

9:30 a.m.

**Present:** Chair - Councillor Bill Davis, Councillor Cheryl Murdoch, Mike Burke, Pamela Marsales, Ken Hoeverman, Andy Chvedukas, Thom Lambert

**Support Persons:** Samantha Davies - Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network  
Tegan Moratz - Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network  
James Rogers – County Forestry Official and By-Law Officer  
Tamara Wilbee – County Clerk

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman Davis welcomed all to the meeting.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

Moved By Ken Hoeverman, Seconded by Thom Lambert

***Be it resolved that the agenda for the November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 meeting of the Rail Trail Management Committee be adopted as circulated.***

Carried

#### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

No declaration of interest reported.

#### **Acceptance of Minutes from September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

It was noted that a correction was required to the Minutes to clarify that Pamela Marsales was a representative of non-motorized users, not adjacent landowners.

Moved by Ken Hoeverman, Seconded by Thom Lambert

***Be it resolved that the Minutes of the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting of the Rail Trail Management Committee be accepted, as amended.***

Carried

#### **Correspondence**

Correspondence regarding the Rail Trail was received from Shirley McCormick which raised several questions for clarification as follows:

1. **Dump trucks accessing the Rail Trail:** It was noted that Private Landowners residing on the Trail may access the Rail Trail for commercial or farming purposes.
2. **Pit run on surface of Trail:** The Committee will continue researching the potential to resurface a 2-3 kilometre section of the Rail Trail with limestone fines. The Committee will also endeavour to collaborate with the Roads Department to establish a maintenance schedule for grading, brushing, etc. for purposes of communicating plans to user groups.
3. **Bridge Signage:** It was noted that signage should be installed at bridges to indicate that due to the placement of deck planking that the bridge surfaces are unsuitable for cyclists and that they should dismount to cross safely. Trails and Tours staff will be responsible for ordering the signs and the HATVA agreed to install them.

Moved by Mike Burke, Seconded by Thom Lambert

***Be it resolved that signs are designed and ordered by the Trails and Tours staff to warn cyclist of potential hazards at bridge crossings on the Rail Trail.***

Carried

4. **Review and augmentation of access point signage:** It was suggested that signage for trail access points needs to be reviewed and augmented.

### **New Business: HCSA Member – Replacement for Andy Chvedukas**

Andy Chvedukas will continue as the HCSA representative on the Rail Trail Management Committee.

### **Trail Wardening/By-law Enforcement**

#### **By-law Enforcement Report - August 1, 2007 to November 1, 2007**

There have been no concerns or complaints brought to the By-Law Officer's attention. It was also noted that throughout deer season, hunters use the Rail Trail in pick up trucks to access hunting camps.

#### **Rail Trail Report by the HATVA - By Bob Johnson and Mike Burke**

The Committee received a report regarding the Rail Trail from Haliburton Village to Boundary Rd. (Kinmount). The report outlined the need for purchase, repair and replacement of specific signage, acknowledged the clean up work by County crews from the bridge repair, recommended more frequent vegetation and surface grade maintenance, recommended the creation of washroom facilities at certain access points and raised issues with garbage on the trail.

It was also noted that the two local radio stations will broadcast the season closure for the HATVA. The Echo and Minden Times will also have ads printed in regards to the season closure for the ATVs. HATVA has placed the ads which will be paid for from the County budget.

## **Other Business**

Outhouses: Discussion with regards to installing outhouses at various locations along the Rail Trail took place. It was agreed that the access point in Lochlin would be the ideal location for the initial installation. Councillor Murdoch volunteered to research the costs associated with purchasing, building and maintaining outhouses that meet Accessibility Standards. It was suggested that the Committee look into how the outhouse(s) in Tory Hill were constructed to potentially replicate this design for the Rail Trail facilities.

Budget: It was recommended that the Committee have a meeting strictly discussing the Rail Trail Budget for 2008. The Trails and Tours Staff will prepare a report detailing recommendations and priorities that the Committee could consider proposing in the 2008 Rail Trail Budget. This meeting was scheduled to take place on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

### Snowmobile Monitoring

The HCSA asked that anyone with a complaint in regards to snowmobiles such as speeding and/or bad conduct call the HCSA so that they can make the OPP aware of these infractions.

## **Next Meeting**

The special budget meeting will take place Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 9:30a.m.

The next regular Committee meeting will take place Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ 9:30 a.m. and will include a review of the County Procedural By-law.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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William Davis – Chair

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Samantha Davies – Recording Clerk