

RAIL TRAIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 6th, 2008

9:30 a.m.

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

Support Persons: Tegan Moratz - Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network

Regrets: Samantha Davies - Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network
Andy Chvedukas – Haliburton County Snowmobile Association

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Mike Burke; Seconded by Thom Lambert

Be it resolved that the agenda of June 6th, 2008 meeting of the Rail Trail Management Committee be approved as circulated.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No declaration of interest reported.

Acceptance of Minutes from May 2nd, 2008

Add Eleanor Harrison to the committee members present at the May 2nd, 2008 meeting.

Moved by Thom Lambert; Seconded by Ken Hoeverman

Be it resolved that the Minutes of the May 2nd, 2008 meeting of the Rail Trail Management Committee be approved as amended.

Carried

Business Arising

Special Event Permit – Drafted Policies

Moved by Thom Lambert; Seconded by; Pamela Marsales

Be it resolved that the Special Permit Policies be adopt as amended.

Carried

The Rail Trail Committee will review and comment about the drafted Special Permit Procedures for the next meeting. All feedback shall be forwarded to Tegan.

Trail Wardening/By-law Enforcement

Since the last Rail Trail Meeting, the Haliburton ATV Association, with the support and participation of the two County By-Law Officers has warded on the weekends of:

- April 6 – 4 wardens by stationary car including by-law officer; no traffic or evidence
- April 12 – 2 wardens by stationary car including by-law officer; no traffic
- April 19 – No Report
- April 26 – 2 wardens by stationary car; no traffic
- May 3 – 2 wardens by stationary car; some confrontation from south near Howland Junction (2 tickets were issued).
- May 10 – 1 warden and family members using bicycles to warden; came across 3 ATVs coming from the south
- May 17 – 2 wardens, no traffic
- May 24 – Not sure (it was added that 3 groups were stopped, one of which included 2 side by sides)
- May 31 – No wardening undertaken this weekend.

On May 10, 2008, the Haliburton ATV Association held a training session for wardens (not specific to the Rail Trail). Fifteen participants attended including a County By-Law Officer.

Discussion came up about side by sides and Argos. Tegan will get more information about the KATVA by-law in regards to non-ATV usage on their trails.

Other Business

Critters on the Trail

Pamela Marsales provided a report. The event organized by the Friends of the Rail Trail was a great success and saw over 70 participants, mainly Families with children as young as 3 and 4 who welcomed programming for children suitable for that age group. Participants traveled from all over the county, notably the entire Wilberforce Guiding Group: Sparks, Brownies and Pathfinders. Plans are underway for the Friends to partner with the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists for a repeat in 2009.

Trails and Tours Rail Trail Report – June 5th, 2008

Overall the trail is in fairly good shape. Potholes need to be repaired and minor brushing needs to be done. There are a few sections identified below that could use a couple truckloads of gravel. From a maintenance stand point the shoulders of the trail will need to be brushed 3-4 feet on either side of the trail. At this point in the season the brushing really only consists of long grass.

The Haliburton Trailhead to the Donald is in good shape. Donald approximately kilometre 7 to the other side of Lochlin could use a couple loads of gravel. Donald to Ritchie Falls is in good shape. The other side of Ritchie Falls needs a bit of work including minor grading and gravel and Privet Drive to Boundary Road needs brushing.

- 1km and 2km markers need to be replaced.
- 8.1km stop sign needs to be repaired.
- Starting at the 9km marker, the Kilometre markers are not consistently placed 1 kilometre apart.
- There are many old rusty culverts that need to be removed from the side of the trail.
- There is a large hump just after kilometre 11 that needs to be repaired.
- There are some pails near kilometre 14 that need to be picked up.
- 15.8km the culvert is clogged once again due to the beaver's handy work.
- Culvert repairs are needed at kilometre 16km and 28.6.
- 19km the fencing at the entrance of the bridge has been damaged.
- 27.7km two camper trailers have been dumped here on the side of the Trail.
- Just after 28km marker there is a large tree overhanging the trail.
- 29km marker is falling over.
- The bridge after Howland Junction has suffered some soil erosion on both ends.
- After 31km marker there are a number of trees down that need to be cleared.

Notes

- In the master plan it was recommended that a minimum of 2 inches of lime stone fines be place on the surface of the Rail Trail. This would need to be replenished approximately every 5 years.
- The question was raised whether or not there needed to be more speed limit signs installed along the trail ie. Trail access points or approximately every 5 kms. There are 2 signs along the trail stating that the speed limit is 50 km/h. Should these not be taken down? One is at 16km the other near 27km.
- There is a gentleman that patrols the Rail Trail and traps the beavers that are continuously clogging the culverts.
- If we were looking for some amazing Rail Trail History for interpretive nodes and various research projects we should contact Thom Prentice.
- Future development of the trail could see billboards advertising various businesses such as restaurant and activities to do along the Rail Trail.
- The last 3 or 4 Kilometres of the trail have interpretive nodes. A group from Kinmount has put together a self-guided trail brochure to accompany trail users.

Correspondence

Thom will contact Ute Wright the author of the correspondence to get more information about her concerns as well as to let her know how that she can inform the County By-Law Officer of any further infractions along the Rail Trail. This information will be passed on to Tegan. Tegan will also visit the private trailhead and determine whether or not putting boulders at the entrance of the trail will deter non-permitted motorized usage of the trail.

Limestone Screenings Follow-Up

Chairman Davis has approached Fowler Construction and has been successful at attaining 3-4 tandem loads of Granite Screenings. Fowler Construction has offered to donate and spread the materials. The county would need to rent a roller to smooth and compact the screenings. It was discussed that limestone screenings is the preferred top dressing, but Fowler could not offer that due to the cost of trucking it on from its source outside of the County.

The committee recommended that fine gravel, prob $\frac{3}{4}$ stone, be put down first then the granite screenings to ensure the success of the resurfacing. Thom will report back to the committee as to what section he would recommend is in need of the new surface.

Next Meeting

The next Rail Trail Meeting will take place July 4th, 2008 starting at 9:30 a.m. at the County Council Chambers.

Action Items for Trails and Tours

- Amend Special Permit Policies.
- Amend Special Permit Procedures.
- Follow-up and add Historical Usage Permit information.
- Contact KATVA for their by-law in regards to non-ATV usage of trails.
- Thom will report back to the committee as to where he recommends the granite screenings should be applied.
- Tegan will approach Roy about getting $\frac{3}{4}$ prob stone placed in the recommended location as well as to find out the proper course of action in regards to the camper trailers dumped on the side of the trail.
- Thom will contact the author of the correspondence and pass along any information to Tegan.
- **Rail Trail Committee will review and comment about the drafted Special Permit Procedures for the next meeting.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Moved By Thom Lambert

Be it resolved that this meeting be hereby adjourned.

Carried

William Davis – Chair

Tegan Moratz – Recording Clerk