

# RAIL TRAIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF MEETING

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008

9:30 a.m.

**Present:** Chair - Councilor Bill Davis, Mike Burke, Ken Hoeverman, Thom Lambert, Godfrey Tyler

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

### Adoption of Agenda

Items to add to the agenda:

- Business Arising: Rail Trail Brushing and Sign Repair
- Other Business: Cycling Coalitions request for a seat on the Rail Trail Committee
- Other Business: Update from HATVA on Rail Trail Maintenance
- Other Business: Required Rail Trail Maintenance

Moved by; Godfrey Tyler Seconded by; Thom Lambert

***Be it resolved that the agenda of the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Rail Trail Management Committee be approved as amended.***

Carried

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No declaration of interest reported.

### Acceptance of Minutes from September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Moved by; Thom Lambert Seconded by; Mike Burke

***Be it resolved that the Minutes of the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Rail Trail Management Committee be approved as circulated.***

Carried

### Business Arising

#### Rail Trail Brushing and Sign Repair

Nothing to Report.

#### Granite Screenings

Nothing to Report.

#### Follow-Up with Murray Cowan

Mr. Cowan has two main concerns;

1. Speeding Snowmobile's
2. Theft on his property due to trucks using the Rail Trail

Moved by; Thom Lambert

***Be it resolved that the Rail Trail Committee direct the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association to create and post signs on either side of Murray Cowan's property access***

**cautioning snowmobilers of the potential hazard ahead. The sign should read “Sleigh Rides Ahead” and be posted below the existing horse crossing sign mounted by HATVA.**

It was recommended to the committee to prevent future thefts along the trail that barriers be put in place at the Rail Trail entrance in the Village of Haliburton and the access point at Gould’s Crossing. Things to consider when research the various barrier solutions would be;

- Emergency Vehicle Access (Ambulance, OPP, etc...)
- Snowmobile, ATV and Groomer access
- Maintenance crew access

Moved by; Thom Lambert

**Be it resolved that the committee direct Trails and Tours to research potential Rail Trail barrier solutions and the costs associated.**

Thom will follow-up with Mr. Cowan and let him know what the committee discussed.

Public Meeting Process

Please see the proposal for the completed amendments.

Moved by; Thom Lambert Seconded by; Ken Hoeverman

**Be it resolved that the Rail Trail Committee move forward with the amended “5 Year Haliburton County Rail Trail Master Plan Review” – Public Meeting Process.**

Carried

**Trail Wardening/By-law Enforcement**

Haliburton County Rail Trail “Wardening Report” - Haliburton ATV Association

<p>September 27, 2008 Haliburton to Gelert Cemetary Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3 Walkers</li> <li>▪ 5 ATVS</li> <li>▪ 2 Cyclists</li> </ul>	<p>October 11, 2008 Haliburton to Howland Junction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 16 ATVs (4 ladies on 3 ATVs with day passes purchased from Kashaga Lodge)</li> <li>▪ 6 walkers with 3 dogs and a stoller)</li> </ul>
<p>October 20, 2008 Haliburton to Ritchie Falls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3 Cyclists</li> <li>▪ 1 ATV</li> <li>▪ 2 walkers with a dog</li> </ul>	<p>October 26, 2008 Gould’s Crossing to Gelert Cemetery Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3 trucks with trailers/ramps parked at Gould’s Crossing with ATV Tracks leading on to the Trail</li> <li>▪ Lots of ATV tire tracks</li> <li>▪ 1 Dirt Bike not plated</li> <li>▪ 2 KATVA ATVs</li> </ul>
<p>November 4, 2008 Observed from County Road #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3 ATVS</li> <li>▪ 2 Cyclists</li> </ul>	<p>November 9, 2008 Boundary Road to Haliburton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lots of tire tracks</li> <li>▪ 2 valid ATVs (Dragburn Rd.)</li> <li>▪ lots of fresh ATV tire tracks leading on &amp; off the Trail at Gelert Cemetery Road.</li> <li>▪ 2 Cyclists</li> <li>▪ 3 ATVs at Ritchie Falls Road &amp; County Road #1</li> </ul>

During Deer season there were a couple of trucks also using the Rail Trail to access their hunt camps.

It was suggested that Mr. Tyler approach Gary Brohman the principal of Haliburton High in regards to the unplatd, speeding dirt bikers.

## **Other Business**

### Required Rail Trail Maintenance

The committee has identified that the section of Rail Trail near Nailer's Road is in need of maintenance due to water flow issues. Godfrey Tyler will approach Roy Haig with his suggestions as to what needs to happen to allow the water to flow away from the Rail Trail.

### Update from HATVA on Rail Trail Maintenance

As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 HATVA will erect the 28 orange "Rail Trail Closed for ATV Use" signs.

HATVA has informed the committee that in 2009 they will ensure that a minimum of 2 applications of calcium are put of the Rail Trail and that they will also be expanding the distance of the application.

HATVA suggested that the Rail Trail surface be graded or smoothed in the spring. Trails and Tours will look into what the Victoria Rail Trail Management Committee uses to make there surface so smooth and possibly approach them for a working partnership.

### Cycling Coalition Request

Thom will approach the coalition and see what they about forming a non-motorized subcommittee.

This request will be revisited after the Public Meeting is the spring.

## **Action Items**

- Trails & Tours will draft a signage plan for the Rail Trail
- Trails & Tours will revise the plan for the Public Meeting(s) Process and circulate the new document to the committee by November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- Trails & Tours will send a request out to the Snowmobile Club for additional signage to be mounted on either side of Mr. Cowan's access to his property.
- Trails and Tours will contact the committee that manages the Victoria Rail Trail in regards to there surfacing equipment.
- Godfrey will approach Roy Haig in regards to the maintenance required at Nailer's Road.
- Thom will follow-up with Murray Cowan.

## **Items Differed**

- Rail Trail Signage Plan
- Enduro Bikes on the Rail Trail

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Rail Trail Management Committee will be held January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the County Council Chambers.

## **Adjournment**

Moved Ken Hoerverman

Adjourned 11:40 am

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William Davis – Chair

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Tegan Moratz – Recording Clerk