

# Minutes

Trail Advisory Committee  
Monday, November 9, 2020  
Township of Selwyn  
Lower Board Room

**\*\* Members and staff participated virtually\*\***

**Present:** David Walsh  
Bruce Bellchambers  
Yvonne Spradbrow  
Ian Deslauriers  
Gerry Herron  
Tony Davidson (arrived at 2:48 PM)

**Staff:** Mike Richardson, Recreation Manager  
Tania Goncalves, Deputy Clerk

## Call to Order

Yvonne Spradbrow called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

### 1. Deputations and/or Invited Persons

None

### 2. Minutes

Committee members received the minutes of the June 8, 2020 meeting for information.

### 3. Question Period

None

### 4. Correspondence for Discussion and/or Decision

None

### 5. Reports/Updates

#### a) General COVID 19 update and General Q&A

Mike provided the Committee with updates related to various COVID19 operational changes. Of note:

- The Lakefield and Ennismore Arenas opened in early October. The Township worked closely with Peterborough Public Health and other County arena managers to discuss operational plans to ensure a safe reopening. Users have limited access to facility resources i.e. change room, showers, etc....
- Hockey practices are in full swing, however, the Provincial order still limits indoor gatherings to 50 people inclusive of players, coaches, etc...
- Public, Senior and Parent and Tot Skating may start shortly – protocols will be in place to monitor participation numbers and contact tracing.
- Rentals of Township facilities (community centres) are understandably down.
- All summer events were cancelled due to COVID19.
- The PolarFest Committee has official cancelled the 2021 event however, the Polar Plunge Committee is still looking at ways to proceed with the event safely.
- COVID signage was placed at all the trail heads advising users to physically distance, stay home if unwell etc...
- **Action: staff to confirm that signage is still posted at the trail heads.**

## **b) Projects**

**Fairbairn Trail (Phase 2) – EIS Report, Survey, Infrastructure Funding** – Mike advised that Cambium is currently working on the Environmental Impact Study and has been onsite several times. Cambium is also going to provide recommendations on the types of trail/boardwalk that should be used in Phase 2. The Township has also contracted the services of a Surveyor to complete a survey of the road allowance. Mike also advised that the Federal Government announced a new Infrastructure Grant that includes active transportation – the Township is currently looking at eligibility for the Grant and plans to apply for funding to support the development of the Fairbairn Trail.

**Draft Capital Budget** – The Committee reviewed the proposed 2021 budget.

**ReLeaf Update** – The ReLeaf program took place in late September whereby 52 trees were distributed to residents that had applied to the program. Mike thanked Committee members who had previously offered to support the program however, with the COVID19 rules in place regarding physical distancing; it was decided to have staff administer the program.

**Draft Trail Brochure** – Tania presented the Committee with the Draft brochure. The Committee reviewed the various changes and agreed to print a minimum of 250 brochures. Yvonne offered to distribute the brochures to trail heads once available.

The Committee also had a general discussion about potential route changes at the Ennismore Heritage Trail. **Action: Committee members will tour the trail on Nov. 13, 2020 at 1:30 PM to review route options.**

**Website Update** – Tania reviewed the various updates to the trails section of the website.

- c) The Committee agreed to the following 2021 meeting schedule:
- February 8 at 2:30 pm
  - April 5 at 2:30 pm
  - June 7 at 2:30 pm
  - October 4 at 2:30 pm
  - December 6 at 2:30 pm

## 6. **Other, New and Unfinished Business**

Ian advised the Committee of the alltrails.com website that allows trail users to comment on trails they have visited. Ian briefly discussed some of the comments received for Township trails including conditions, user experience, signage needs etc... **The Committee agreed to have comments from the All Trails website included as part of future Committee meeting agendas.**

Bruce advised that there is a large crack in the concrete under the shade shelter at Isabel Morris Park. The crack is lifting and creating a potential trip hazard. **Action: Staff will visit the site to review.**

## 7. **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

- The Committee's next regular meeting will be February 8 at 2:30 pm

The Trails Committee meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.