

Ingersoll Recreational Trails Ad Hoc Committee - MINUTES

October 17th 2018 – 6:30pm - Town Hall – JC Herbert Room

Present: Steve McSwiggan
Reagan Franklin
Kyle Stefanovic
Fred Freeman
Costantino Mongelli

Regrets: Ted Comiskey
Mike Hawkins
Darryl Capern
Sandra Lawson

1. Approval/Amendment of Agenda

Moved by: Reagan Franklin

Seconded By: Kyle Stefanovic

CARRIED

2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Moved By: Reagan Franklin

Seconded By: Steve McSwiggan

CARRIED

3. Business arising from the minutes



4. Ebikes on Trails

- Discussed at Oxford Trails, Oxford Cycling, and Ingersoll cycling as well. County is looking for feedback on what each town is doing in regards E bikes on trails. Issues have been about walkers being blown past by bike and educating those that it is actually a multi use trail. Maybe we should educate on trail etiquette – it's about being courteous and safety! What is our stance? The goal is to have all of Oxford County to have the same consistent message. Discussion over what defines an E bike – varying types and speeds. Discussed at safe cycling: speed limit! Modelling after the city of London. Speed limit is regardless of what your riding. Is there anything preventing people from riding on the road? If there is a speed limit on the trail of 20KM, and someone has an E bike that goes 70KM, they may not want to go on the trail – issue is that they still do! They fly through these trails. There is no law against it! – Needs to come from higher up. The speed limit needs to be a council decision. It's ultimately a matter of enforcement. Which leads to importance of education campaign! The signs are posted say no motorized vehicles – so that will help with definition for 20km. Signs say “variety of users and respect each others space” and doesn't explicitly say this is a multi use trail and this is what to expect. Besides that, no one is reading the code of conduct. The educational campaign will help

clarify – do a cycling perspective and a runner perspective. 1st step – recommendation to council to create a bylaw and to post a sign on trails for 20km speed limit on all recreational trails. In the meantime, work on an educational campaign to get the awareness out there. Motion: Trails committee recognizes a need to protect all trail users. **MOTION: The committee recommends to council a speed limit of 20KM on all rec trails in the town of Ingersoll. The Ingersoll Safe Cycling Committee should endorse this motion. Steve McSwiggan. Fred Freeman 2nd. CARRIED**

5. Sifton Trail Updates

- There have been concerns raised over the north side being naturalized. We paved the approaches into both sides, but taken a bush hog through this naturalized area that we own. Rock Solid Design had been out and give us a price – if anyone contacts us, it is a naturalized area and we are looking into options. Chips and dust? Basically the same as the reclaimed asphalt, but this can be done next year once everything settles (which is the initial plan). Reclaimed asphalt is good to do when it's hot because it can bond. Rock Solid Design will get a price on completing the naturalized area.

6. Butternut Trail Update

- Rock Solid Design wants direction to be able to give a more accurate quote on trails and surfaces. We have talked about multiple trails... do we want all trails to be cut and naturalized this year and add screenings in subsequent budgets OR? Bottom line, he would not be able to dig down and give chips, dusts, on the entire trail system for this budget. Suggestion: get it graded this year. Suggestion: pig slate the entire trail? Rather than digging down – the cost to do all the work would be less than pig slate the entire trail. We know there is a main route, lets pig slate on graded/level trail and the rest we will get them in to grade it so its walkable and defer any money and then we decide next year how to continue on. We need to investigate the cost of this. Get Rock Solid Design to price out pig slate in the main triangle. Tricky part is that we can only pig slate to the schools property. Suggestion: Mike can get them cheap! Kyle to talk to Mike and get quote from Rock Solid.

7. Ingersoll Rd Status

- Paved right up to CAMI entrance, they will cross the road to join to Clarke. Trail itself is 70% done – paving will continue tomorrow. They altered where the crossing would be, was going to be on the south side, but has been moved to the North side. Though the asphalt will be done, there may be a delay because they are having issues with the contractor to do the cut outs. The engineering department is working on getting a contractor in to get the curb cuts down. You cannot pave the area without the curb cuts. Is there going to be a grand opening? May 2019! Then we can promote usage! Mulch mix grows quickly – grass will be coming back. This is the best time to seed. If we can do the opening in May the trail will look great! If the connections aren't done, we wont post signage and we wont promote usage. The curb cuts and paving needs to be complete, without it's almost a hazard at those curb

areas. 2020 – Next section?

8. County Council Trail Meeting Update

- Kyle received minutes. County trails maps brochures are coming out. McNiven raises lots of questions – to clarify it is a privately owned property from Carmeuse.

9. New business

- **Budgets** - Operational Budget planning for 2019 – only focus remaining for this year is getting butternut getting done. The remainder of capital will go to finishing butternut and the operating budget remainder will go to signage of butternut.
- **Trail counters** have been found – should come up with a plan of where and when so we can get data we can use. There are 3 total. One at Santa's village – maybe we don't do Santa's village and instead we do all three trails and see what kind of winter usage there is. Good to see which entrances are busiest. Thomas Ingersoll has lots of entrances and exists – Lawson and North meadows have 3. Maybe do all three at 1 trail for a month at a time so we know which entrances are being used.

10. Review Calendar

- November 21st, 2018 next meeting

11. Motion to Adjourn