

The Corporation of the Township of Horton

**NOTES from CN Trail & Whitewater Sno-Goers Association
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

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Location: Municipal Council Chambers

Attendees: Don Eady, Mayor
Glen Campbell, Councillor
Andrew Kenopic, Whitewater Sno-Goers Association
Janet Collins, Public Works Manager

Recorder: Janet Collins, Public Works Manager

The meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

D. Eady commenced the meeting with a thank you to Mr. Andrew Kenopic, the Whitewater Sno-Goers Association, and all of the volunteers that have assisted with work on the CN Trail.

D. Eady indicated that the format shall be that of a discussion rather than a formal meeting.

D. Eady provided an update on the trail indicating:

- The trail itself is a very valuable piece of infrastructure to the Township.
- George Jackson Toyota has donated \$5,000 to the Township to use for upgrades of the trail as the Township sees fit.
- Brian Dedo has also volunteered extensive time towards fixing the trail bed.
- There are 4 groups that have contributed to the trail upgrades:
 - Whitewater Sno-Goers Association
 - George Jackson Toyota
 - Brian Dedo
 - Township of Horton

The attendees then reviewed a report prepared by J. Collins titled, CN Trail & Whitewater Sno-Goers Association, dated June 18, 2014. The photos of work being done at the intersection of the CN Trail and Lime Kiln Road were discussed in relation to how B. Dedo was doing the work, the width, trail bed, etc.

A. Kenopic brought forward the issue of insurance.

- Everyone agreed that insurance is a concern to all parties.
- A review of insurance requirements along with a revision of the June 6, 2000 agreement between Horton and Whitewater Sno-Goers Association, should be undertaken.
- The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) lease insurance likes to see exclusive rights to snowmobile clubs rather than multi-use trails.
- It was noted that Terry Vaudry, OFSC District Manager should be involved in any discussions regarding insurance and/or lease agreements.
- The Township should consider its insurance requirements which may/may not have consideration for seasonal insurance.

- D. Eady noted that the County of Renfrew may have information that could assist with insurance and agreement concerns.

A. Kenopic asked if the Township had any information regarding McNab-Braesides portion of the trail. D. Eady noted that he has spoken to Mayor Mary Campbell who has indicated an interest in extending the trail at least to Goshen Road area.

D. Eady suggested that the Sno-Goers have generally taken on (a) gates, (b) signs, and (3) brushing.

Gates:

- G. Campbell stated that he and A. Kenopic would come up with a design for the gate.
- G. Campbell indicated that he would work with his brother-in-law to coordinate the construction of a barrier gate once they had a design.
- The County constructed their gate with 6" well casings or water pipe filled with concrete.
- Both G. Campbell and A. Kenopic indicated that it did not matter if the metal was round or square and the availability of the material would likely dictate what they used.
- Consideration must be given to the width in relation to:
 - Accessibility
 - Groomer
 - Emergency vehicles
 - Other uses (permitted uses)
- They would have consideration for how the gates open and the type of locking mechanism (i.e. pin, chain, etc.).
- A. Kenopic does not like the style of Renfrew's gates as they are not particularly strong and can be easily vandalized. He does however like the gates in place along the K&P Trail.
- The style of gate and/or opening widths must be considered for accessibility. Depending on the selected style, people may need to go around the gate when locked.
- Emergency vehicles such as those used by the Volunteer Fire Department could be provided with a key for access. The Public Works Department could also have a key for maintenance purposes. A 'master key' lock system would likely be the preferred method.
- J. Collins suggested that the gate be a 2/3 : 1/3 split. This would allow the large section to be opened in the winter to the appropriate width which was determined to be 12', and during non-snowmobile weather, only the 1/3 pedestrian gate could be opened. This would provide 3 standposts which would provide a greater strength to the gates when locked.

Signs:

- Everyone generally agreed with allowing the same permitted uses as Renfrew. Their signage (see report) located at Barnet Boulevard does NOT permit Cars, 4-Wheelers, or Motorbikes. This sign should be placed at entrances to the trail.
- A. Kenopic believes that the Sno-Goers may already have a sign, and indicated that they do have a coloured logo. He will provide this to J. Collins.
- Other signs considered include:
 - One sign at each end of the trail (McNab-Braeside and Renfrew) "Welcome to Horton"
 - One sign at each side of Lime Kiln Road "Horton" logo.
 - One sign at Lime Kiln Road (northwest) and at Renfrew end "Trail Upgrades Sponsored by George Jackson Toyota"
 - One sign at Lime Kiln Road (southeast) and at Renfrew end "Trail Upgrades Sponsored by Whitewater Sno-Goers Association"

- Prior to any ordering of signs J. Collins shall get approval for the art work for both George Jackson Toyota and the Sno-Goers.
- The signs should be in colour.
- G. Campbell indicated that he would see if he could get a sponsor for the Township signs.
- G. Campbell noted that the sample sign for the Sno-Goers had District 9 where the correct District is 6.
- A. Kenopic indicated that they use a red/white triangle 'use at your own risk' sign that has been challenged in the past. He suggested that J. Collins check out the sign, and if want further information to contact Terry Vaudry at 613-735-8882.

Brushing:

- G. Campbell said he was concerned with dead trees.
- G. Campbell noted a number of stumps still located at the edge of the trail on the Arnprior side of Highway 17. He asked if consideration could be given to using the backhoe or the excavator. D. Eady indicated that G. Campbell should take care of the stump issue.

A discussion related to recognizing the contributors took place:

- Consideration for a ribbon cutting where the parties could explain their contributions.
- D. Eady feels that a better or more comprehensive article is printed when the Township writes the article and takes photos. He indicated that we can also put it on Horton Corner and our Website. The radio station also does stuff for us.
- A. Kenopic suggested that the Township use a board at the Community Centre as this would be well viewed.
- G. Campbell indicated that we have lots of wall space with the new addition however we are not a point yet to promote our own growth.

A final review of various tasks was undertaken:

- Lease Research – J. Collins and M. McLaren should look into revising the agreement.
- Township Insurance – M. McLaren contact insurer regarding insurance requirements and possibly contact Jardine.
- Sno-Goers Insurance – A. Kenopic contact Terry Vaudry regarding Sno-Goers insurance requirements.
- "Use at your own risk" signs – J. Collins should review the signs used by the Sno-Goers and consider placement of signs quickly.
- Contact – all contact go through J. Collins
- Brushing – G. Campbell coordinate this in conjunction with A. Kenopic
- Stumping – G. Campbell to coordinate this
- Financial – The Township not provide financial assistance but rather 'in-kind' contribution could be considered. If required a report/request could go to Public Works for consideration.
- Future Maintenance – G. Campbell suggested that the Township may wish to consider a future line item under Public Works for trail maintenance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Don Eady