

**The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays
Parks, Recreation & Trails Committee Meeting Minutes – July 28th, 2008
Minutes**

There was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Committee held at 4:00 p.m., on July 28th, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Attendance

Chair	Margaret Casey
Co-Chair / Councillor	Ben Boivin
Members of Committee	Shane Baker
	Patricia Doyle
Mayor	Janet Peake
Community & Recreation Coordinator	Jennifer Schnier
Public Works Supervisor (Facilities)	Morris Bryant (left at 4:58 p.m.)
Deputy Clerk	Yvonne Aubichon
Administrative Assistant	Amanda Masulka

Regrets

Members of Committee	Linda Keown
	Sarah Soberg
	Earle Northover

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. on July 28th, 2008 by Chair Margaret Casey.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution#2/07/28/08

Councillor Boivin and Mayor Peake

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee agenda dated July 28th, 2008 be adopted as amended.

Agenda Amended as follows:

Addition

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Oxtongue Rapids Park – Brian Tapley, Dwight Lions Club

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee meeting dated June 23rd, 2008 were approved as circulated.

5. DELEGATIONS

Nil

6. REPORTS

(a) Miscellaneous

(i) Report re: Ironman 70.3 Road Closures

Jennifer Schnier, Community and Recreation Coordinator advised the Committee that there will be a celebration station in Dwight and that she is organizing the rental of portable playgrounds, etc. to be located at the Dwight Community Centre and Municipal office for the celebration. She reviewed the following points:

- Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) indicated that cars can park on the right side of Dwight Beach Road.
- Parking will be available at the Dwight Postal Office and the Dwight Parkette.
- OPP will be heavily directing and regulating traffic and they have committed their flashing signage to be located on major routes a few days prior to the event.
- There will be a flag prepared to provide the public with information concerning traffic and how it will be affected during the event.

- There are enough volunteered homes in the area for the Ironman athletes to reside during the event.

(c) Trails

(i) Report re: Paint Lake Trail – Bridge Use by All Terrain Vehicles

Morris Bryant, Public Works Supervisor of Facilities, reported that there is heavy All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) usage on the Paint Lake Trail bridge and suggested that bollards be installed on the bridge, the gates be moved to prevent the usage or that the usage be permitted.

The following points were discussed:

- The Township of Lake of Bays has not passed a By-law that would permit ATV's to use Municipal roads nor has the District of the Municipality of Muskoka passed a By-law that would permit ATV's to use District roads within the Township of Lake of Bays.
- The trail from Paint Lake Road to the bridge is on the Original Road Allowance.
- The bridge was designed to be used for a walking bridge and emergency vehicles only.
- In the winter, the Roads Department has been putting down a protective surface for snowmobile usage.

Committee directed staff to place bollards at each entrance of the bridge.

(e) Facilities

(i) Report re: Status of Arena and Library Upgrades, Mill Grant

Chair Casey advised the Committee that she was at the Arena and the following points were discussed:

- Ice service should be ready for use by October.
- Library additions should begin in September and an anticipated completion within six (6) months.
- The Mill Grant will cover about ninety (90%) percent of the project.

- There were deficiencies with the old Arena building that was identified when the contractors were removing the old parts of the building.

(b) Recreation

(i) Report re: Recreation Update

The following updates were discussed:

- Exit interviews were completed with the leaders that had concerns with the Day Camp.
- Buses only ran for one (1) week on week two (2) for the Dwight Swimming Lessons. Parents enjoyed the program and the program ran smoothly.
- A Parents Advisory Council will meet every month in regards to the After School Program.
- Chair Casey suggested that the Cookerydoo be advertised in the quarter page advertisement in the Huntsville Forester.

(ii) Report re: Recreational Liability Policy

Ms. Schnier provided the following information:

- The Recreational Liability Policy is already being used for Swimming Lessons and the After School Program.
- The policy is an improved liability statement that has been sent to the Township of Lake of Bays lawyers and was approved by them.
- The policy will affect all recreation programs that are being offered by any Municipal staff at any Municipal facility.
- The policy needs to be put into place by the fall.
- A medical waiver will go along with the application.

Chair Casey suggested the policy go forward to Management prior to passing a Resolution.

(d) Parks

**(i) Report re: Robertson Parkette Dedication and Celebration
August 7, 2008 at 7:00 pm**

Chair Casey presented flyers to the Committee that will be posted in Baysville. Also, invitations have been sent to the Lake Associations in the South end of the Township of Lake of Bays, as well as, the community groups in Baysville. A meeting is to be scheduled for Thursday, August 28th, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Baysville Seniors Centre for the purpose of discussing the Dickson House.

7. DISCUSSIONS

(a) Possible Option for Relocation of Existing Bella Rebecca Water Access Point

Councillor Boivin reported that the relocation will take some time as he must speak to the Bella and Rebecca Associations. He also reported that he has looked at a couple of Municipally owned properties on Bella Lake and that there are others that need to be looked at prior to making a recommendation as to whether it's viable to alter the access point that joins Bella and Rebecca.

Chair Casey informed the Committee that there are environmental issues concerning the current location of the access point, as well as, safety issues. She pointed out that if the relocation would occur in the year 2009 and included in the budget for the year 2009, a possible location would have to be identified and agreed upon by this fall.

(b) Update of Rabbit's Bay Regeneration

Councillor Boivin advised the Committee that the hold up on the regeneration is making contact with the Fish Biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources as he is very busy. The Fish Biologist must check the fish habitat prior to making any decisions.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) **Oxtongue Rapids Park – Brian Tapley, Dwight Lions Club**

Committee reviewed the letter dated July 7th, 2008 sent to Mr. John Gibson of the Dwight Lions Club from the Township of Lake of Bays, Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee and discussed the following:

- Committee has advised the Lions Club that a Resolution would need to be passed prior to certain projects being implemented at the park.
- The original request from the Lions Club was not involving the shore line of the Oxtongue River and the Lions Club has seen the Resolution as a barrier to their clean up.
- Possibly staff should take on the Development Permit and look at completing the criteria along side the Lions Club.
- Committee simplify the criteria as it can sometimes be overwhelming.
- Committee make a delegation to the Lions Club to give an opportunity to speak with them regarding this project.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution#10/07/28/08

Shane Baker and Pat Doyle

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee of the Township of Lake of Bays adjourn at 6:15 p.m. to meet again on August 25th, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Dwight Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Carried.

Chair

Clerk