

**The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays
Parks, Recreation & Trails Committee Meeting Minutes – July 7th, 2010
Minutes**

There was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Committee held at 4:00 p.m., on July 7th, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Attendance

Chair	Margaret Casey
Members of Committee	Patricia Doyle
	Linda Keown
	Stella Neilson
	Earle Northover
Supervisor of Parks & Facilities	Morris Bryant
Deputy Clerk	Carrie Sykes

Regrets

Co-Chair / Councillor	Ben Boivin
Mayor	Janet Peake
Member of Committee	Shane Baker

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. on July 7th, 2010 by Chair Margaret Casey.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution #2/07/07/10

Stella Neilson and Patricia Doyle

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee Agenda dated July 7th, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) Resolution #4(a)/07/07/10

Stella Neilson and Patricia Doyle

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee Minutes dated April 7th, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

(b) Resolution #4(b)/07/07/10

Stella Neilson and Patricia Doyle

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee Minutes dated May 5th, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Chair Casey advised that the two resolutions on pages 14 and 15 within the minutes with respect to the Dwight Rink and Rabbits Bay Landing were recommendations to Council and should have been to Finance and Corporate Services Committee due to the budget implications.

It was noted that these committee resolutions for consideration did appear on the May 25th Council Meeting agenda but were noted to be deferred to the July 13th Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting.

6. REPORTS

(a) Miscellaneous

(i) Report re: Update on Baysville G8 Projects

Resolution #6(a)(i)/07/07/10

Patricia Doyle and Stella Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee hereby receives the Chair's report "Update on Baysville G8 Projects", dated July 7th, 2010.

Carried

Chair Casey advised that a celebration of the enhancements will take place on July 24th, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the new Baysville Bandstand during the Baysville Walkabout with Minister Tony Clement.

(ii) Report re: Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Committee members confirmed their support towards an appreciation reception to acknowledge the many community volunteers.

Discussion was held with respect to the following items:

- Although, this policy was originally developed and recommended by this committee it is a Council policy and should be driven by Council;
- Policy was passed by Council on October, 2009 but was overlooked when the 2010 budget was prepared;
- As this event was not budgeted for 2010, request must go forward to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for approval of the unbudgeted expenditure;
- To ensure this initiative does not fall between the cracks, Chair Casey has asked that the recommendation come from this committee.

Committee reviewed the volunteer organization listing and suggested the following additional organizations:

- Grandview Lake Association
- Algonquin Snowmobile Club
- Tall Pines Snowmobile Club
- Dwight Winter Carnival; and
- Church Board members.

Chair Casey directed committee members to review the list further and to submit their additional suggestions to her by email.

Resolution #6(a)(ii)/07/07/10**Earle Northover and Stella Neilson**

WHEREAS the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee hereby receives the Chair's report "Volunteer Appreciation Reception", dated July 7th, 2010;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Township of Lake of Bays Volunteer Recognition policy, the municipality, shall host an annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception to acknowledge and affirm the exemplary efforts of individuals and organizations who willingly donate their time towards the betterment of our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee recommends to the Finance and

Corporate Services Committee the approval of \$1,000 to host the 2010 Volunteer Appreciation Reception to recognize the dedicated volunteers and organizations for their outstanding contributions within the municipality.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

- (a) 4:40 p.m. Councillor Nancy Tapley, Chair
Heritage Advisory Committee
Re: Dorset Historic Walking Tour

Councillor Tapley provided a brief overview of this current initiative of the Township of Lake of Bays Heritage Advisory Committee and noted the following:

- Brochure and map in draft stages;
- Free walking tour of twenty-one (21) historic points of interest in Dorset;
- Starts at the parkette on Highway #35;
- In the brochure each property has a tidbit of local history and will contain black and white photos;
- Cooperative project between Heritage Committee, Huntsville Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce and the Dorset Strategic Plan Group;
- Have not drawn lines as to what properties are Township of Lake of Bays or Township of Algonquin Highlands – have treated them all the same as this initiative deals with history;
- Heritage Committee have a grant application going forward to Council for support in July to financially assist with this project;
- Two (2) committee members actually wrote the book on the history of Dorset – have been a real asset to the project;
- Heritage Committee is planning to work on other communities to develop other history walking tours – may need to be driving tours pending the geographical area;
- Project supports active transportation and encourages people to get out their cars and find out some significant local history.

Chair Casey thanked Councillor Tapley for providing the details of this project and the Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee expressed their support for the historic walking tour.

6. REPORTS

- (b) Recreation

Nil

(c) Trails

(i) Report re: Installation of Trail Markers

Committee members reviewed the suggested trails for installation and confirmed the following trails to be completed by the noted committee members:

- Dwight Beach trail (orange AT signs)(Stella)
- Dorset Village Walking Trail (orange AT signs)(Earle)
- Hillside Walking Trail (orange AT signs)(Pat)

Chair Casey thanked Patricia Doyle, Stella Nielson and Shane Baker for their assistance in May to install the trail markers on four (4) trails.

Resolution #6(c)(i)/07/07/10

Earle Northover and Stella Nielson

WHEREAS the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives Chair's report "Installation of Trail Markers", dated July 7th, 2010.

Carried

(d) Parks

Nil

(e) Facilities

Nil

(f) Water Access Points

(i) Report re: Priority Water Access Point Signage

Resolution #6(f)(i)/07/07/10

Earle Northover and Patricia Doyle

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee hereby receives the Chair's report "Priority Water Access Point Signage", dated July 7th, 2010;

AND FURTHER, directs staff to install the appropriate signage at the following water access points:

- North Dock (Baysville)
- Paint Lake

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- Tasso Lake
- Maplehurst
- Dwight Beach
- Dickie Lake *(if sufficient funds available)*
- Walker Lake *(if sufficient funds available)*

Carried

Chair Casey is to approach the Lake of Bays Association to purchase the invasive species signs.

Committee members noted that in addition, the dock lights at Dwight Beach and Hillside were not operational and posed a potential liability for those individuals using the facilities at night.

The Parks and Facilities Supervisor advised that he would inspect those facilities and replace what lighting was required.

7. DISCUSSIONS

(a) Miscellaneous

(i) Discussion re: 2009 Beach Reporting History

Chair Casey advised that this report is provided to the municipality every year by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and posted on the township website for public information.

The report summarizes the sampling results and posting history of each beach that was monitored by the health unit in this municipality. In addition contains all individual sample results for each beach and a summary of postings and closures issued, if any.

It was noted for the record that neither the Dwight Beach nor the Hillside Beach were closed due in 2009 as a result of high levels of E. coli.

(b) Recreation

Nil

(c) Trails

Nil

(d) Parks

(i) Discussion re: Dorset Park

Committee member Earle Northover provided that at the last Dorset Park Committee meeting they received an estimate on the base for the Dorset skating rink and noted that the meetings have been moved to the Dorset Seniors building.

Chair Casey advised that there is also interest from the Dorset Strategic Plan Group to install a kid's playground at the site and they had posed an inquiry if the playground equipment could be placed on the Township of Lake of Bays road allowance on the property.

Discussion was held with respect to the request for support from the Township of Lake of Bays in requesting a quotation for the development of a concept for proposed improvements at the Dorset skating rink.

Chair Casey noted that support was recommended from this committee last Fall, ratified by Council and provided to the Township of Algonquin Highlands but that the Township of Lake of Bays Council was not aware that the RFQ had been issued or that a quote had been accepted.

Resolution#7(d)(i)/07/07/10

Earle Northover and Linda Keown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee directs staff to follow up with the Township of Algonquin Highlands and the Dorset park Committee regarding the Request for Quotation for a design for the installation of a hard surface and to provide the Township of Lake of Bays Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee an update.

Carried

(e) Facilities

(i) Discussion re: Dwight Rink

Staff advised that this property matter was still in progress.

(f) Water Access Points

(i) Discussion re: Dwight Beach Docking Improvements

Discussion was held with respect to the number of proposed improvements.

Committee member, Linda Keown advised that from the recommendations coming forward from the Dwight Improvement Group they would like to focus on adequate signage right now and to put the docking improvements on hold for the interim.

(ii) Discussion re: Rabbits Bay

The Parks and Facilities Supervisor reported that the rehabilitation work has been completed under the direction of Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Pictures of the work were available for reference.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (i) Discussion re: Bella Rebecca Access Relocation

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Marie Poirier, Co-Chair, Dwight Improvement Group, re: Dwight Beach Improvements.

Discussion was held with respect to the recommendations received from the Dwight Improvement Group.

Resolution#9(a)/07/07/10

Earle Northover and Patricia Doyle

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee hereby receives correspondence from Marie Poirier, Co-Chair, Dwight Improvement Group, re: Dwight Beach Improvements.

Carried.

Resolution#9(a)(i)/07/07/10

Linda Keown and Stella Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee recommend that the Finance and Corporate Services Committee support the addition of two (2) port-a-potties at the Dwight Beach until September 7th, 2010;

AND FURTHER, that the associated costs be provided.

Carried

Resolution#9(a)(ii)/07/07/10

Linda Keown and Earle Northover

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee directs staff to prepare a report on the feasibility of extending the Dwight Beach trailer parking lot at Gouldie Park and the associated costs for the August Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting.

Carried

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution#10/07/07/10

Earle Northover and Patricia Doyle

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee of the Township of Lake of Bays adjourn at 6:10 p.m. to meet again on August 4th, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Dwight Municipal Office, Dwight, Ontario.

Carried

Chair

Clerk