



Minto Trails Committee Minutes
January 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Via Web Conferencing

Present: Ken Labbe, Grace Wilson, Paul Judge, Lori Zabel, Jill Welsh and Ron Faulkner, Patrick Mullan, Dave Mallett and Councillor Mark MacKenzie

Regrets: Anne Reynen

Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION:

Moved by: Ron Faulkner and Seconded by: Ken Labbe

THAT:

The minutes of November 29, 2021, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Member Terms

Three-year member terms for Ron Faulkner and Jill Welsh have ended. Ron would like to find a younger person to replace him on the trails committee and will remain on until another member can be found. Jill Welsh agreed to remain on the committee as a Harriston representative.

MOTION:

Moved by: Ken Labbe and Seconded by: Lori Zabel

THAT:

Jill Welsh be appointed to a 3-year term on the Trails Committee

Special Projects

Scotty Forbes

The Committee would like to honour former trails member Scotty Forbes. Ideas including a tree planting or reestablishing a section of trail in his name were mentioned. Members have been asked to consider these and bring forward any additional suggestion for the next trails meeting.

Event Ideas

The committee discussed several event ideas that they would like to implement throughout 2022 to encourage more trail usage. Event ideas include a trail clean up, photo contest, and scavenger hunt. Staff have been asked to put together plans for these events and committee members have been asked to brainstorm prize ideas for the next meeting.

Trail Linkage

Several members feel it is important to look at the future of the trails and to continue to explore options for linkage from Palmerston to Harriston. This matter will be discussed going forward.

Harriston Trail Signage

Jill Welsh and Grace Wilson presented to the committee a revised mock-up of the new Greenway Trail signs. Revisions and changes will be made and sent to the committee for final approval.

Roundtable

Committee member Patrick Mullan discussed with the committee the future of White's Junction Trail.

MOTION:

Moved by: Patrick Mullan and Seconded by: Lori Zabel

THAT:

Town of Minto Council support the Minto Trails Committee in the pursuit of crossing options in place of the burned bridge on branch line of the White's Junction Trail between Palmerston and the 3rd Line.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The funds for the crossing option come from all sources; including but not limited to future grant opportunities, community fundraising and or other municipal/government sources

Paul Judge reported to the committee that he would be receiving trees from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority for Spring planting and asked members to contact him if they had specific location ideas. Judge also mentioned that he would also be reserving plant material from the Green Legacy program and for committee members to indicate any requests for particular varieties.

Grace Wilson reported that the Rural Route has contacted her about outdoor story ideas for their upcoming issue. Wilson will connect the editor of the Rural Route with committee members to discuss some story ideas regarding bird houses along the trail and land user agreements.

Next meeting will take place on Monday, March 21st at 7pm. Location TBD.

MOTION:

Moved by: Councillor Mark Mackenzie

THAT:

The trails committee adjourns at 8:00pm