

**Village of Haines Junction
Committee of the Whole Meeting April 19, 2017**

Present: Mayor Riseborough
Councillor Smith
Councillor Sundbo
Councillor Eckervogt
CAO Clarke
Recorder Clarke

Absent: Councillor Koh

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by Councillor Sundbo

Delegations

1. Heiko Haehnsen of Paint Mountain Landscape Design
Miranda Adam, Little lady landscape design + drafting

Presentation on Dezadeash Day Use Area Conceptual Design:

This project was commissioned by the Village as per CDC recommendation in September, 2015. The project presentation to Council was for the purposes of final Council questions and input on progress thus far. Next steps would be a final design and report to Council for decision. Noted that any development of this particular area, the DDUA, is effectively on hold until environmental assessments are completed by YG. This process inclusive of Council decision could take up to 1.5 years.

Council was very impressed with the phased, cross demographic, community-inclusive design presented by Mr. Haehnsen and Ms. Adam. It was emphasized that extensive stakeholder input was sought from adjacent property users, YG (Highways), the Seniors Center, the school and the Health Centre. All requisite letters of support are also available and will be a part of the Final Report.

It was emphasized that the phased design approach allows for the direct participation of a particularly engaged community group(s) in build and/or fundraising and/or sponsorship opportunities.

Council is looking forward to the Final Report and potential movement forward.

- The presentation is available for viewing at the Village office.

2. Mike Evans Chair of Community Development Committee.

Presentation of Trails Inventory Maps Presentation and steps forward

Six maps in total:

- Trails condition inventory
- Estimated Trails Traffic
- Trails Inventory Network
- Trail accessibility
- Potential Land Accessibility

- Potential land Access conflicts
- Trails Maintenance Status

Points of note:

- Total of 150 kms of trail within Village boundaries
- All are used to some degree, though some are higher use than others
- The information is GPS accuracy within a metre, this has been completed through very specific and detailed work
- The more people use a trail the more ownership they take of that trail and the more they tend to maintain it, a significant community effort
- Some trails have great historical significance, i.e.: Kluane Wagon Road, behind Bear Berry lots
- Our trails have no specific user designations.

Mayor Riseborough stated that he is very impressed with this product and that as a whole it is a wonderful starting point for next steps.

Councillor Sundbo stated that a public consult would be the next best step. He also said that he would like to see the important trails noted on the maps.

Mayor Riseborough invited Mr. Evans and the committee's guidance.

Mr. Evans stated that the process has been challenging but the project is a meaningful and important one. He also stated that CDC is presently awaiting Jane Koepke's Trail Management Plan.

Mayor Riseborough suggested that we present the completed maps to the community for input and feedback as to what does the community want to do with it from here.

Mr. Evans asked "Does the community of Haines Junction want to accept responsibility for a formalized trails system and all that entails, ongoing maintenance and replacement?"

Mayor Riseborough said that Council will listen to the community.

Councillor Sundbo said that then the Village will set a standard.

Mr. Evans said that the Village could start by noting and taking responsibility for the major trails as per usage and community input and then develop necessary connections.

Mayor Riseborough termed this approach the development of a Core Network and stated that at this point we could focus on core trails for the future.

Mr. Evans said it is important that we do not presuppose what the community wants or not.

Mayor Riseborough said that once we hear back from the community Council will determine what cost can and will be borne by the Village of Haines Junction.

Mr. Evans will discuss actions forward at the next CDC meeting. CDC will articulate suite of questions for the public, and Administration will help in setting up the trails maps for public viewing and input.

Council discussed the importance of making the maps as accessible as possible and the need to inform everyone who attended the original trails meeting. Maps display will be set up in Council Chambers, put on our website (should we be able).

Councillor Smith suggested September 30th as a date to aim for getting requisite clarity.

Mr. Evans asked for Council's help in a CDF application for the Willow Acres trail (the Willow Acres ditch trail did not make it onto the trails maps), approximately 800 meters at 2 meters wide. Council indicated that CAO Clarke would support him with this application.

Councillor Smith reiterated the need for some action on Pine Lake Trail.

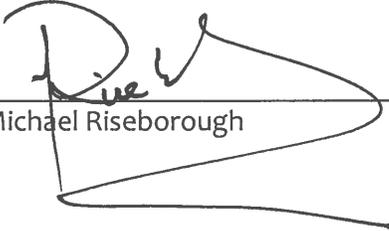
Discussion Topics:

Tactical Implementation Plan for Strategic Plan:

Brief discussion held on Strategic Plan tactical implementation plans by Senior Management.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Mayor Michael Riseborough



CAO Cathy Clarke

