



Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 24th, 2024 – 7:00-8:30pm

Town of Erin Town Hall – 5684 Trafalgar Rd., Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Patrick D’Almada (Chair), Val Bush (Secretary), Bridget Ryan (Town Councillor), Jennifer McPetrie (Town of Erin), Gissel Gonzalez, David DeForest, Justyna Toeppner, Rob Smith.

Regrets: Bayne Upton

Absent: Sid Spear

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

2. Welcome and Introduction

- Welcome to those in attendance by Chair.
- Town representatives also present: Nina Lecic, Clerk and Rebecca Danks, Customer Service Representative.
- Snow Roamer representatives also present: Scott Boulton

3. Approval of Agenda / Additions to Agenda

- No additions to agenda.
- **MOTION:** That the agenda for the PRTAC meeting dated October 24th, 2024, be approved. Moved by Justyna, seconded by Rob. Motion carried.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

- None.

5. Delegation / Presentation

- Scott Boulton, Hillsburgh Snowroamers: 80 kms of trail done in the fall by volunteers and taken out in the spring.
- Connects Erin, Belwood, Orangeville in partnership with over 80 landowners.

- Over 30,000 kms of trails across Ontario.
- Trail patrols done by OPP, CVC and the Club.
- 52nd season of snowmobiling in Erin. Club does different initiatives: BBQ, poker run, Santa Clause parade, donation to food bank.
- Trail closure between Hillsburgh and Erin has impacted those who wants to connect between the villages.
- Club would like to improve rider safety and is requesting more crossing signs where riders must cross the roads. They're also asking to use Barbour Field again this year as a staging area as it worked quite well last year and kept the congestion away from Judy's restaurant. Jen and Nina to coordinate with the Club. Club was asked to put their requests in writing and forward to TOE staff. Committee supports their request.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes – September 26th, 2024.

- **MOTION:** That the minutes for the PRTAC meeting dated September 26th, 2024, be approved. Moved by Val, seconded by Bridget. Motion carried.

7. Business Arising and Action Items from Previous Meeting

- **7.1** – Dog Parks – develop by-law and it's now on Jen's list.
- **7.2** – Erin 2000 – reopening October 26th, 2024. Shamrock room is coming along. The dividing wall is not in yet but room is useable. Upgrades offer more room for programs in the future. Full time booking position has been tendered so that we may have staff to tend to customer service needs Monday to Friday.
- Committee suggested publicising where the money was spent for transparency.
- **7.3** – 2nd Part of Rotary Trail – culvert failure and water is going across the trail, no drainage.
- **7.4** – Replacement PRTAC member status – Nina to work on coordinated approach as other committees also have positions available and she will advise the committee when it's out for applications. Rebecca will now work with Patrick for putting together meeting agendas.
- **7.5** – PRTAC budget – current master plan is good until 2029, water tower trail assessment opportunity and potential consultant budget. Want to ensure there is connectivity with any new developments going in.

8. New Business

- Councillor Ryan suggests having a policy put in place for any sponsorship opportunities that is fair and equitable.

9. Sub-Committee Updates

- **Communication (Val/Justyna)** – no update at this time.
- **Facilities (Bayne/Val)** –
- Signage at ECC for changerooms follow up. Jen will follow up on this.
- Youth organizations request locked bulletin type boards for ECC where they can provide information on their programming to the public. Jen to look into.
- **Trails (Rob, Gissel, Bridget)** – walked Woolen Trail from Tin Roof, replacement signage needed in some areas. Jen to work with Councillor Ryan on property ownership around that area. Will also identify areas of concern for signage. Talk of trail maintenance and the state of the current bridge.
- **Policies and Procedures (Patrick)** – nothing to report at this time.
- **Community Partners (Justyna/Val)** – ongoing discussions with Jen at this time.
- **Parks and Land Development (David/Patrick)** – nothing to report at this time.

10. Other Business

- None.

11. Next Meeting

- Thursday, November 21st, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

12. Adjournment

- **MOTION:** That the PTRAC meeting be adjourned. Moved by Justyna, seconded by Gissel. Motion carried.
- Adjourned at 8:35pm.