



# CATARAQUI TRAIL MANAGEMENT BOARD

## MINUTES

**From the meeting held at The CRCA Boardroom at 7:00 pm on Thursday Sept. 24th, 2015.**

**Members present:** Doug Good (Chair), Graeme McDonald (Secretary), Bob Cavanagh (Treasurer), Doug Davison, Linda Carr, Jeremy Statham, Norm Ruttan, Doug Weese, Rich Ludlow, Tina-Marie Gourley, Pat McNamee, Paul Rappell, Allen Brown, Robert Charest, John McDougall and Ross Sutherland.

**Regrets:** Jim Hase (Vice Chair), Don Coulter, Kent Mainse, Jeremy Statham, Jeff Holtz, Dawn Quinn, Claire Gunnewiek

**CRCA Staff present:** Rob Gerritsen & Jason Hynes

- 1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM** by the Chair, Doug Good.
- 2. Introduction of CTMB members, CRCA staff**
- 3. Approval of agenda.**  
**Motion to approve by Linda Carr, seconded by Paul Rappell – Motion carried.**
- 4. There was no declaration of conflict of interest.**
- 5. Approval of the Minutes from the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.**  
**Motion to approve Minutes by Allen Brown and seconded by Doug Davidson - Motion carried.**
- 6. Report of Committees**  
**-Executive Committee** had not met.

**-Finance Committee.**

The financial statement for the period ending Aug 31, 2015 was presented by Bob Cavanagh. John McDougall asked if the 5K from S. Front Township had been received yet. Rob Gerritsen confirmed that this is not a 5K cash donation, but rather a donation of services which they are currently engaged in and that these services will result in a value greater than their 5K commitment.

**Motion to accept the Financial Report as corrected was moved by Bob Cavanagh and seconded by Paul Rappell – Motion carried.**

**-Trail Development and Maintenance Committee (CTDC).**

Pat McNamee reported that the trail is generally in great shape and that the trail maintenance crew and volunteers have been doing a good job. Pat also reported that Dieter E. had done a lot of trailside cutting from Strathcona to Harrowsmith. The CTDC had met early in the evening prior to the CTMB meeting and in the absence of a quorum at the onset of the meeting, there was an informal meeting of the members and staff present.

The following items were discussed:

Future projects for which matching funding is required:

- Canada 150 – Harrowsmith to Portland / Camden Boundary Road resurfacing - Received \$47,000, \$47,000 required from other sources.
- Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure – Includes resurfacing from Kelly Road to Golf Club property line. \$37,500 requested, \$37,500 required from other sources (\$18,750 from Smith Falls, \$18,750 from Rideau Lakes Township and CTMB).

-Signage required for and agreement required with Golf Club. Quotes for signs to be provided and agreement to be developed by staff.

Harrowsmith Station – There is a need for a pavilion (2017).

There is a great need for a full brushing project along both sides along the entire length of the trail. Opportunities are to be pursued by staff and quotations obtained.

There is a need for safety fencing at the Yarker Bridge. A kiosk for the County Road 17 intersection is required as well. The annual contribution from Stone Mills can potentially be used for same.

A comprehensive budget including projects is to be developed for 2016 and 2017.

The OFSC will be accepting applications for shovel ready projects with a value of greater than \$5K. The decking replacement for the Chaffey's and Little Lake bridges are to be considered. Allan Brown to confirm measurements and materials list. Some of the decent decking material could be allocated to the Little Lake bridge if needed. Doug Good is to pursue availability of spent conveyer belts from local contractors for surface protection.

-End of discussions from CTDC meeting

Jason H then requested \$300 from the CTMB accounts on behalf of the CRCA for signage along the trail at the Lombardy golf course indicating private property and to look out for golf balls. **A motion was made by Graeme McDonald to approve the request for \$300 for the signage, which was seconded by Pat McNamee – Motion carried.**

Rob G reported on the ongoing discussion around invasive species, particularly the encroachment of Wild Parsnip along The Trail. A plan is being discussed to create a wide buffer zone along the trail for a period of 5-7 years to manage the exposure to Wild Parsnip.

Jason H have a slideshow of the ongoing work being done between Golf Club rd to Smiths Falls and reported that progress is on track and staying within budget.

Doug Good suggested an official re-opening of that section of trail later in the fall and to include the various parties and municipalities involved.

## **7. Membership Marketing & Promotion**

There had been no meeting of the MMP committee since the previous CTMB meeting

## **8. New Business**

Rob G is continuing to work with Google Streetview.

There was discussion around the trail camera currently in place at Camden East and the fact that it is too slow to catch ATVs and motorized vehicles moving at high speed. The CRCA will come back to the CTMB with recommendations.

It was recognized that more ATV riders will be wanting to use the trail as more townships are allowing the use of ATVs along their roads. Rob G said the CRCA Board would be discussing enforcement and would be coming back to the CTMB with recommendations.

Rob C said he feels that cameras and enforcement are not the answer and that more gates need to be put in at trailheads. Doug W gave examples of 4 tickets he has given out and feels that enforcement does work. Graeme M pointed out that the vast majority of prohibited motorized vehicles on the trail is repeat local traffic and that issuing tickets will have an effect as word travels through the communities.

Linda C said that she has heard of regular car traffic using the trail at Charland rd and suggested a gate for that location. Doug W suggested the placement of a few boulders on the trail from spring to fall until gates could be put in place. Tina-Marie asked if having the fine amount \$\$ on the signs would help deter motorized vehicles?

Doug G. Said that the provincial legislature is looking at raising fines significantly for property trespassing. Jason H added that the province is looking at the Trails Act including adjustments to other acts that could allow trails to pursue damages on top of raising fines.

Bob C asked if we encourage unauthorized vehicles with our maintenance vehicles on the trail?

Rich L added that he has had discussions with his neighbour who has said he would gladly pay an annual fee to be able to use his ATV on the trail. This was echoed by many who have had the same conversation with neighbours and trail users.

Jason H said we will have a draft version of proposed changes the Master Plan for the October meeting.

Next meeting called for 7pm on Thursday Oct 22, 2015 at the CRCA Boardroom.

Motion to Adjourn by Paul Rappell at 8:35 PM.

Graeme McDonald  
CTMB Secretary.