

JOINT STEWARDSHIP BOARD

Minutes, March 25, 2014

GREAT Boardroom, Ohsweken, ON

City of Hamilton Members:

Councillor Russ Powers
Councillor Chad Collins

Haudenosaunee Members:

Brian Doolittle
Hazel Hill

Board Resources:

Guy Paparella, City of Hamilton
Andrew Grice, City of Hamilton
Rob Norman, City of Hamilton

Coordinator: Sheri Longboat

Note Taker: Hazel Hill

Minute Writer: Sheri Longboat

Also Present:

Carmela Fragomeni, Hamilton Spectator

Board Members Not-Present:

Councillor Terry Whitehead, City of Hamilton
Aaron Detlor, Haudenosaunee

Item	Topic	
1	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting opened by Brian Doolittle • Brian provided a description of “Gaynohonyok”, the opening address that means “Thanksgiving”, and talks about our reliance on and our commitment to the universe. • Those present at the meeting introduced themselves. 	
2	<p>Changes to the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added 5.6 General Issues Committee (GIC) Presentation • Added 5.7 Tree Planting in the Valley • Added 5.8 Dialogue on Artifacts 	Accepted with additions
3	<p>Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were accepted with no changes 	Accepted
4	<p>Coordinator Report (see Meeting PowerPoint, slide 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheri provided an update and highlights of the month’s activities, and Board Resource members contributed to updates and explanation: • Education and Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological display at the COH and Six Nations • Presentation to Councils – City and Haudenosaunee • Assessment and Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration and tree planting – as further discussed on added agenda item 5.7, working with Kayanase to assess restoration success and identify areas for future planting • Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations for World Water Week – Laurier University 1st year Sustainability Class, Sustainability Network 	Accepted

	<p>Panelist in Toronto, Speaker at Water Symposium at Trent University on World Water Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Interpretive Centre - Maintain communications with architects on status of January proposal Bear Paw Meeting Place - interpretive sign design and construction – meeting with City, and text writing from Rick Hill Bear Paw Meeting Place - official opening to be planned for spring when sign is complete Turtle Design – conceptual redesign status for detailed design tender 	
5	Discussion Items	
	<p>5.1 Archaeological Displays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board reviewed the exhibit layout plan and sample pictures of artifacts as provided by Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI) Sheri and Guy provided description of artifacts seen at meeting with ASI in Toronto that would be part of the exhibit Discussion on the potential to offer option for weekend access on April 12th at Hamilton, and similar weekend access at Six Nations The Board was provided a draft media release that would go out to city and Haudenosaunee media contacts – Debbie Spence at the city is the media contact to assist with final release] The format for the presentation opening and closing for the GIC presentation on the 16th was finalized, and Brian and Hazel will secure speaker for opening and closing, or Brian will offer 	<p>Approved to continue layout</p> <p>Explore weekend access</p> <p>Work with Debbie Spence on Media Release</p> <p>Arrange Traditional Opening</p>
	<p>5.2 Environmental Interpretive Centre (EIC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background on the EIC was offered for new meeting attendees including: conceptual design process and outcomes, site location criteria and selection, and current status Architects Tillman Ruth Robinson Discussion on the next steps and the need for further investigation with the Niagara Escarpment Commission given the conceptual design is site specific and appears to lie between urban and natural area NEC designation Other areas of investigation – proximity to steep escarpment slope, distance to existing servicing, depth of bedrock, and distance to road Suggestion to connect with Conservation Authority and NEC on common interests for interpretive centre General discussion on the nature and type of education programming that may be offered in the EIC – e.g., dynamic displays that change, lots of space for inside display, multi-purpose classrooms, and the out-of-doors as main classroom Need to answer feasibility, site, and formal application questions 	<p>City staff to work with NEC to review plans</p> <p>City staff to examine other regulatory items</p>
	<p>5.3 Bear Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Originally discussed officially opening in the spring when plants are in full bloom but requires sign completion 	<p>Date for opening tbd once sign complete</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the type of sign – it was decided that a flat pedestal sign about 1 meter by 1 meter that should contain a map, design of paw, text and image, at a height or angle that kids could read • Sheri to work with Rick Hill to craft message and Andrew to arrange meeting with city sign designer • Some discussion on including Haudenosaunee languages but decided to focus on significance of Bear to Haudenosaunee • Importance of keeping AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act) standards – Brail or certain fonts • Draft Design be completed that allows for consistency for future signs and includes Trail Logo designed in the past 	<p>Decision on sign type</p> <p>Work with Rick Hill to get sign message</p> <p>Meeting with Lynda for sign design</p> <p>Comply with AODA standards</p> <p>Prepare Draft Design that could be used for all Meeting Places</p>
	<p>5.4 Earth Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on opportunities for Joint Stewardship Board participation in Earth Day activities • Community Clean Up in Cllr Collin’s ward is one opportunity • Six Nations Earth Day at Turtle Island news is another • Suggested to extend invitation to Councillors to promote partnership in valley at GIC presentation 	<p>Sheri to coordinate participation in Earth Day events</p>
	<p>5.5 Annual Report Distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on those who should received the annual report: NEC, HRC (Chairs of those), and Environment Hamilton 	<p>Sheri to draft letter and send out report</p>
	<p>5.6 GIC Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheri provided an update on arrangements completed for the April 16th presentation to City of Hamilton GIC • Discussion on purpose and order of presenters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chad to offer introduction and brief explanation of opening • Brian or other Haudenosuanees to do an opening • Sheri to do a 10 minute PowerPoint • Brian to offer closing 	<p>Hazel will provide notes to explain opening</p>
	<p>5.7 Tree Planting in the Valley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Collins explained, given the strong working relationship and knowledge of valley, to continue the relationship with Kayanase to plant additional trees to supplement stock • Will require from Kayanase scope of what could be provided for \$25,000 to \$30,000 (how many, how large, what areas, what the labour cost is versus material), to be considered by city colleagues • Another initiative relates to the Emerald Ash Borer to replace trees removed – need to find a place in valley to plant those replacement trees declined by residents • The city’s Environmental Services group would also appreciate comments from the Board or Haudenosaunee on invasive species that have been identified 	<p>Sheri to facilitate proposal from Kayanase</p> <p>Facilitate locating sites for Ash planting</p> <p>Include some assessment of invasives in Kayanase’s work</p>

	<p>5.8 Dialogue on Artifacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At some point we will need to develop some wider policy to help us in our decision-making around archaeology work • Its not needed now, but as we gather more knowledge we may want to develop policy • Archaeological artifact display dates were provided to the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Hamilton – April 7 to May 16, 2014 • Six Nations – May 19 to June 27, 2014 	<p>Add Archaeology discussion as standard agenda item, and discuss when needed</p>
6	<p>Next Meeting Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting dates will be established monthly to accommodate the greatest number of Board participants 	<p>Andrew and Sheri to coordinate</p>
7	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian closed the meeting. 	