

Item 1. Opening

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AGENDA

Item

1. Opening and Introductions
2. Agenda Review
3. Minutes from August 22, 2013 meeting
4. Follow up from August 22, 2013
5. Coordinator Report – PowerPoint Presentation
 - a. Trails and Meeting Places
 - b. EIC
 - c. Master Plan
 - d. Ecological Restoration
 - e. Medicines
 - f. Web Page
 - g. Monitoring
 - h. Deer Management
 - i. Future (funding, policy, programming)
6. New Business
 - a. Budget review
 - b. Community outreach event(s)
 - c. Board visit to Valley–Bear Paw Opening and Event?
 - d. Others?
7. Next Meetings – in addition to monthly report and follow up
 - a. **October 17, 2013 at Six Nations**
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 - Budget submission
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8. Roundtable
9. Closing

Summary of Action Items:

Item 4.

1. Sheri to follow up with Scott on the EIC work plan and set up the next meeting with the Board. → On-going – Vision circulated to Board September 4, 2013
2. Sheri and Hazel to make required changes and circulate to the Board. → Completed – circulated to Board with minutes September 3, 2013
3. Sheri to compile Master Plans and inventory the work that's been done. → Completed- see Item 5: Coordinator Report
4. Sheri to work with Rob to determine what was to be evaluated after 5 years, based on the environmental checklist. → Completed – Groundwater, Surface water and water, Water Quality, Stream Morphology, Fish Habitat, Terrestrial Ecology – Report available later in 2012 – Kara Bunn of COH Parks.
5. Sheri to compile a list of participants/consultants of RHV restoration, monitoring and archeology to prepare for a meeting with the Board. → Completed - HANDOUTS
6. Chad to provide a copy of Dundas Hunting Protocol. → Completed – Received and available for reference.
7. Sheri to work with City of Hamilton on Gathering Places and Rob to arrange meeting. → Completed – September 5, 2013 Meeting
8. Rob to get the working definition of the Gathering Places and circulate. → HANDOUTS
9. Rob to assist Sheri in connecting with the different monitoring teams. → on-going
10. Sheri to coordinate with Nicole and Brenda to arrange a field trip for the Board to visit the Valley. → Completed – tentatively planned two separate trips

Item 5a.



Trails and Meeting Places Presentation

Sheri Longboat, September 2013

Item 5b. Environmental Interpretive Centre

Requested revised timelines September 4, 2013

1. Analysis – Completed
 2. Visioning – Completed
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3. Programming and Site (Aug 30 – Sept 15) → HANDOUT
→ Set Meeting with JSB to review Programming and Site
 4. Design Consultation and Evolution (Sept 30 to Oct 30)
 5. Cost Scheme (Nov 15)
 6. Submit for JSB (November 30, 2013)

Item 5c. Master Plan

VISION

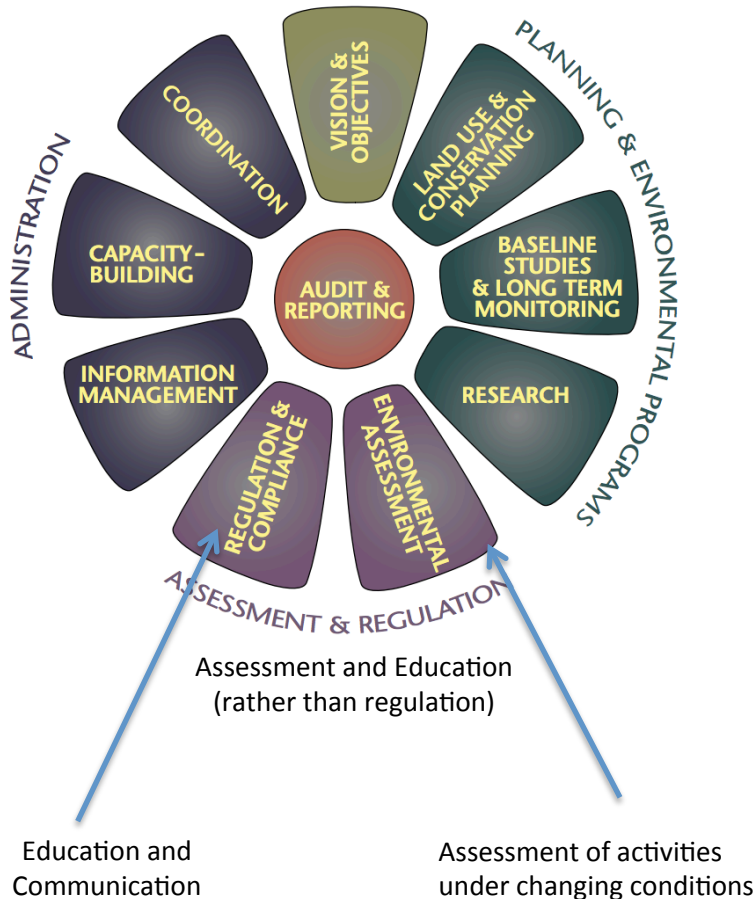
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→ how to implement in a systematic way within an evolving landscape (adaptive management approach – learning by doing)

Environmental Stewardship Framework



Vision and Objectives – shared vision and objectives

Conservation Planning – plans for ecological and cultural area protection (protected areas and buffers)

Baseline Studies and Long-Term Monitoring – monitoring plans and/or coordination

Research – to support decision-making in priority areas

Environmental Assessment – examine potential effects of development activities

Education – Environmental interpretive centre and programming

Information Management – coordinate and disseminate information

Capacity-Building – people and finances to conduct activities

Coordination – coordination for education and local stewardship

Review and Report - Joint Stewardship Plan results and reporting

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Towards a JSB Master “Stewardship” Plan (MSP) – From Concept to Implementation

DRAFT- UNDER-DEVELOPMENT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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Emphasis of JSB MSP needs to be on bridging past and current strengths, identifying gaps with respect to commitments and objectives, and conducting activities to meet shared vision.

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION

Component	Description	JSB Accomplishments	Proposed JSB Implementation Actions
Land Use and Conservation Planning	Land use plan to help guide development and protect important ecological, archeological and cultural areas within the Valley.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Six Nations/Hamilton JSB Land Use Master Plan for the Red Hill Valley (2009)</i> by Dan Longboat • <i>Final Draft JSB Master Plan</i> by Rick Hill (2011) • Revised MP outlines in 2012 by Stephanie Burnham and Jennifer DiDimenico – Outline presented a Open House 2012 • RHV ecological restoration project 2007-2011 • Agreements – General, JSB, Human Burials and Archeology; Hunting; Medicines; Human Heritage; Economic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory existing Land Use Plans and Management frameworks that govern decision-making in the RHV • Evaluate these for their level of ecological, archeological, and cultural protection • Identify areas for protection and land use within the RHV • Develop guidelines to deal with future changes to the RHV that may impact these areas • Produce maps for protected areas and land use planning <p>→ LAND USE MAPS AND PLANNING GUIDELINES → DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN</p>

Baseline Studies and Long Term Monitoring	Understanding baseline conditions and monitoring changes over time to help ensure adverse effects are avoided or minimized.	<p>JSB - Deer herd inventory JSB – Indigenous Plant Inventory and Traditional Medicines Final Report 2006 JSB – Ecological Restoration – 2011 Final Report COH – Air Quality Report 2010 COH – 5 year report due 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater • Surface water and water • Water quality • Stream morphology • Fish habitat • Terrestrial ecology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify what needs to be monitored, why, by whom, and for how long? • Inventory all (completed and future required) monitoring activities within the RHV • Review findings from monitoring results • Identify the type (e.g., ecological, cultural – trails and sites) and scope of monitoring sought • Determine the feasibility of long-term monitoring using baseline data and monitoring results • Ensure correlation with land use and conservation planning <p>→ SHORT AND LONG-TERM (5 TO 10 YEAR) MONITORING PLANS (Environmental, Deer, Medicine, Restoration Impacts, others?)</p>
Research	Environmental studies and research to increase understanding of the environment, culture and economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be determined in support of other Stewardship Framework components 	→ RESEACH NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES PLAN
Environmental Screening	Examination of the potential effects of development proposals and land use changes on the COH and HCCC agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deer Management Plan recommendations by Murray Smith • Draft Haudenosaunee Hunting Principles by Paul Williams • RHV Deer Hunting Regulations Draft 1 (source?) 	→ POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS FOR ADMINISTERING AGREEMENTS
Education	Construction of an Environmental Interpretive Centre, EIC Programming, and Interpretive Trails	<p>EIC Prefeasibility (2013)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIC Analysis, June 2013 • EIC Vision, September 2013 • Programming and Site, September 2013 • Design Consultation and Evolution, October 2013 • Cost Scheme, November 2013 <p>Centre Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous program elements developed <2006 <p>Interpretive Trails and Meeting Places</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail head interpretive program • Trail entrance general signs • Meeting Places designs • Bear Paw Construction Fall 2013 	<p>EIC Feasibility Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility (final concepts, size location, site plan) • Interpretive Tools and Programs • Capital Plan • Management Plan • Human Resources Plan • Operational Plan <p>→ ENVIRONMENTAL INTERPRETIVE CENTRE OPEN → EIC PROGRAMMING → WEB ENABLED “ON THE TRAILS” PROGRAM → MEETING PLACES CONSTRUCTION PLAN</p>

Information Management	Information needs to be made available to all users in an understandable fashion to support good decision-making.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSB Web Page 2010 • JSB Web Page – September 2013 • Open House 2012 (@Six Nations and COH) 	→ INFORMATION SHARING AND DISSEMINATION PROTOCOLS BETWEEN COH AND HCCC → COMMUNICATIONS PLAN → COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Capacity-building	The JSB and operations must have the people and finances to effectively carry out decisions that reflect the values and vision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSB Office and Coordinator 	→ IDENTIFICATION OF STAFFING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE NEEDS → SECURE OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL FINANCES
Coordination	All stakeholders have responsibility in protecting the environment and are needed to work together to implement the Joint Stewardship Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COH and HCCC agreements 	→ OUTREACH TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS FOR COLLABORATIVE STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES
Auditing and Reporting	Reporting the results to inform decision-makers and community stakeholders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual reports to COH and HCCC Councils 	→ ANNUAL REPORTING TO CITIZENS AND FUTURE PARTNERS

→ Board approval to move forward with this approach, further develop draft implementation plan, and provide a revised Draft MSP outline at October meeting?

Item 5d. Ecological Restoration

- 5 year contract completed in July 2011
- Kayanase (Alan Arthur) and City of Hamilton (Jim Rockwood)
- September 12th meeting with Tom Clause, Kayanase
 - 5 year planting only - no maintenance plan put in place
 - Some patches not planted by Kayanase
 - Need to consider invasive management with existing COH trails operations
- Next steps:
 - Visit Kayanase for file review
 - Review Final maintenance recommendations
 - Meet with Kara Bunn at COH

→ Investigate feasibility of an Invasive Management Plan by obtaining cost options?

Item 5e. Medicine Inventory

- 2006 – 2007 medicine plant inventory
- Indigenous Consulting and Training
 - Identify plant stands, health, sample
 - Report on findings
 - Create assess plan for future collection
 - Provide replanting as needed
- Board DM on Plans for protection and enhancement
- Next Step:
 - Meeting with ICT
 - Locate raw data and assess how to generate output to answer questions

1. What medicine plants exist in the Valley?
2. Where are the stands of those plants located?
3. Are the plants healthy? Are they being affected by the roadway and traffic?
4. Are the plants rare or endangered? Should we try to plant more of them, or are there steps we can take to protect and encourage them?

Letter from Paul Williams November 9, 2011

Final Report
Red Hill Valley Traditional Medicine
Search And Rescue Project
2006 – 2007
Submitted by Indigenous Consulting and Training

Ahēn! they said (Preamble)

The Red Hill Valley is still a beautiful place despite and in spite of the massive assault she has undergone. As hodinosiomi our affinity and great love for our mother the earth is at the core of our being. As traditional people working with traditional medicines, at times to see the destruction was too much too bare. Some days we just had to leave.

Gaēnāy! Included some - it is in there (Included)

- Hard copy lists of all days worked on this project are attached at end of report.
- Hard copy list of recommendations/comments/questions is included at end of report.
- This report and attachments are included on the memory stick.
- Labeled photographs are on memory stick
- A list of what was located in the valley to date is on the memory stick.
- 2 charts fall and spring including trees is included on memory stick
- Previously transferred to your computer: labeled photos, medicines found chart 1 & 2.

Dwadiḡānāh where it starts from (Introduction)

In our discussions it always comes around to; what are we doing here? Why are we in this valley, walking all day, getting sweaty and dirty when the people that did this have no concept of what they have done and they will continue to do such things because they do not possess the knowledge of our understanding of the earth - dwanoha - our mother. Global warming is a detrimental outcome of knowledge limitation. Yet global warming continues.

As we talk a soft breeze might stir and tickle our sensibilities. We are reminded that maybe what we are doing is the right thing. Maybe we are helping. There are medicines still in the valley. Those medicines are still there to help us and so we have to be ready to help them. We hope that is what the medicines are feeling too. So even though we worry about the knowledge that we are passing on. We have decided to trust so we continue on. So in our decision to trust we will fight for the medicines that are still in the valley and hopefully they will continue to help us. That is all we can do. That is the right thing to do. So we continue.....

Final Report Red Hill Valley Traditional Medicine Search & Rescue
Indigenous Consulting and Training 2007

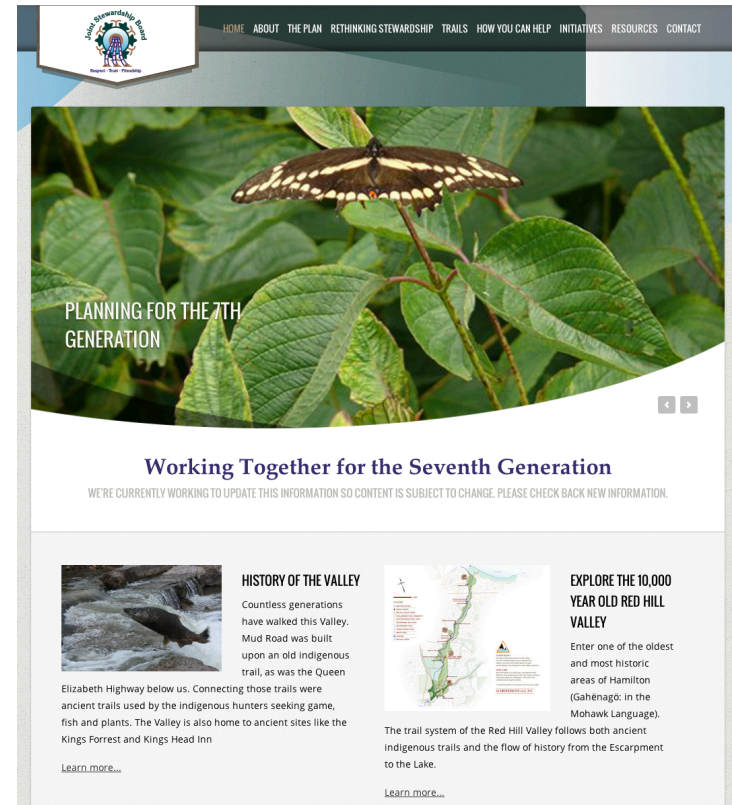
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→ HDI Check with HCCC for future steps on Medicines.

Item 5f. Web Page

- Site operational under two domains
(.ca will expire)
- Forwarded to the Board August 28
- Initial review
 - Document pdf's removed
 - Contact information and Board member names updated
- Next steps:
 - Web page strategy and basic updates as material approved

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- What is the Board's protocol for posting information on the web?
- Suggest a COH and HDI designate to approve
- Focus on Trails and Meeting places – Uploading the Interpretive Script
- Look at a web page strategy – purpose, function → content

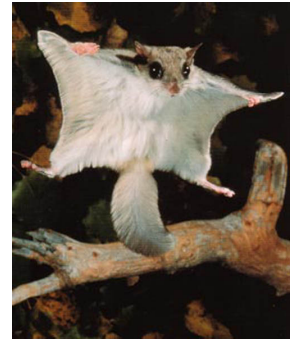
Item 5g. Monitoring

- Monitoring needs discussed:
 - Environmental (RHV Project - 5 year review)
 - Deer inventory
 - Medicine inventory
 - Restoration impact – invasive management
- Gathering relevant documents
- Require site assessments
- Recommend the development of a monitoring plan to incorporate multiple sources of data

→ Fall site assessment as baseline for DM?

→ Scope out the requirements to develop a monitoring plan?

Item 5h. Deer Management



- Past research to support DM around Hunting Protocol
 - Population of deer, biological and ecological context of hunting urban deer, safety and potential hunting from Haudenosaunee perspective
 - Other wildlife species (beaver, and Southern Flying Squirrel)
 - Emphasis on educating the public (species and safety)
 - March 30, 2012 Board decided to review protocols and work to combine: 1) protocol HCA/Dundas Valley and 2) Haudenosaunee Wildlife Habitat
- Is a hunt and therefore protocol needed? Contradictory evidence of deer impact
- Determine cost to conduct follow up to deer population studies (M. Smith 2009, and P. General 2011) ?

Item 6. New Business

a) Budget

- Expenditures for 2012
- Priorities for 2013
- Budget submission requirements and timeline
 - October 17, 2013 JSB Meeting – Budget Planning?
 - November 21, 2013 JSB Meeting – Budget Submission

→ Options and question for Board

Item 6. New Business

b) Policy Development

- Archeological artifacts protection (COH draft AMP 2012)
- Hunting protocol for RHV – based on Dundas Valley model?

→ Next steps with Policy development?

c) Board Visit to the Valley

- When Bear Paw construction is complete? (Nov?)
- Who can provide lead from COH?

→ Who is interested in attending and when?

d) Community Outreach

- Event(s)?

→ When – Focus - Board availability to attend – COH contact?

Item 7. Future Meetings and Agenda Focus

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