

JOINT STEWARDSHIP BOARD
Minutes, August 22, 2013 Meeting
GREAT Boardroom, Ohsweken

In Attendance:

From Hamilton: Councillor Chad Collins, Rob Norman

From Haudenosaunee: Aaron Detlor, Brian Doolittle, Hazel Hill

JSB Coordinator: Sheri Longboat

Also in attendance: Chief Blake Bomberry, Chief Arnold Hill, Chief Pete Sky, Chief Toby Williams

Chair: Sheri Longboat

Note taker: Hazel Hill

1. Opening – Chief Toby Williams opened the meeting

2. Review of minutes from July 18th meeting

- A separation of items of Board governance from those related to projects such as the Environmental Interpretive Centre (EIC) are useful for keeping activities moving forward.

Decision:

1. The agenda was approved with an addition – Update: “Moving Forward with the Gathering Places”, to be discussed during the round table.
2. Further discussion on the EIC will occur at the next meeting with Scott Robinson.

Action: Sheri to follow up with Scott on the EIC work plan and set up the next meeting with the Board.

3. Coordinator Update

- Sheri provided an update on activities initiated as she formally began coordinator duties on August 19, 2013. Future coordinator reports will be more substantive and based on completion of action items which support Board priorities, namely around the EIC and Master Plan (MP).

4. Terms of Reference Review

- The TOR (Internal Rules) from the last revision date, November 2012, were reviewed.

Decision: The TOR are considered endorsed by the Board once changes are made to section 9. Public Meeting and 10. Code of Conduct of Council.

Action: Sheri and Hazel to make required changes and circulate to the Board.

5. Master Plan Discussion

- Sheri provided a brief summary of her findings from the initial file scan on development of the Master Plan, and Chad added additional background on those involved in crafting the documents. There are several versions:
 - Draft Master Plan 2009 (2006-2009)
 - 2nd Draft Master Plan 2011 that was presented by Rick Hill on May 27, 2011
 - Consolidated Outline – dated Feb 2012 [print copy of this outline was circulated to the Board]
 - 4 Page Draft Outline (synthesis outline) which was provided to the Board for discussion
- There was discussion around focusing the Master Plan on what can realistically get done; looking at the Board vision, objectives and directives and see where things fit in. The Feb 2012 Outline is a good simple foundation that can likely be filled-in based on what's been done. The 4-page draft outline provides guidance in terms of the principles, objectives, and 4 guiding themes: ecology, economic, equity and education.
- There was discussion on the need to examine the status and results of the various projects that are complete.
- **Environmental monitoring** results would provide benchmarks and assist in exploring the need and feasibility for longer term monitoring.
 - 5-year review – See the Environmental checklist from the original Certificate of Approval
 - Air Quality Update – available on the City of Hamilton website
- **Archeological experiences** would help inform policy development around how we will protect and use archeological artifacts currently unprotected under provincial legislation

Decision: General consensus to focus on an inventory of what's been done to-date (status and issues). These accomplishments will form components of an overall plan of where we want to go.

Action:

1. Sheri to compile the Master Plans and inventory the work that's been done.
2. Sheri to work with Rob to determine what was to be evaluated after 5 years, based on the environmental checklist.
3. Sheri to compile a list of participants/consultants of RHV restoration, monitoring and archeology to prepare for a meeting with the Board.

6. Round Table Discussion – JSB Priorities

- **Deer Management Plan** and understanding the hunting rights context would help inform actions for harvesting of deer in the RHV urban environment, drawing from the experience in the Dundas Valley.
- **Education is a big priority** for deer harvesting and it needs to happen across the city.
- A lot of folks don't know who we are when we are there hunting in the park (referring to Dundas Valley experience)

- Must be cautious to make sure that deer hunting agreements such as Dundas Valley do **not violate our treaty rights**
- **Gathering Places update:** pressures on budget to keep at 0% but secured grant funding to keep moving on. Asking for Board guidance on slight adjustments for location to the Bear Paw gathering places. One gathering place is moving forward now
- Need to also review the **Trails and Gathering Places** work done to date.
- There are different teams for monitoring
- Interested in **Ecology** and what has actually happened. From **monitoring reports** how did all of the **restoration** of trees, shrubs and grasses go and is it creating the desired effect?
- More importantly, how to get people to **appreciate the ecology** and minimize damage. **Schools need to be involved.** Needs to be a “hands-off ownership”.
- Just listening to what’s going on and will leave it up to you guys
- I would like to see it move forward, according to your stewardship, working together
- **See all accomplishments** that happened before making decision - and check to see that the **web matches**
- I would like to go there one day and sit under the a tree; keep it the way it was
- My childhood in the RHV there was salmon, Atlantic salmon, that spawn all the way up the hill
- Along the same lines: **trails and signage, education, kids involved, medicines**, what’s happened
- **Medicines** – were catalogued and planted over 5 years – demonstrate to people the good things that have come from the Valley
- “Identifying and magnifying accomplishments of what’s happened”
- A field trip with the Board will also be an opportunity to take pictures for the web site

Action:

1. Chad to provide a copy of Dundas Hunting Protocol.
2. Sheri to work with City of Hamilton on Gathering Places and Rob to arrange meeting.
3. Rob to get the working definition of the Gathering Places and circulate.
4. Rob to assist Sheri in connecting with the different monitoring teams.
5. Sheri to coordinate with Nicole and Brenda to arrange a field trip for the Board to visit the Valley.

7. 2013 Meeting Dates

- September 9, 2013 - Hamilton – correction – Next meeting date is **September 19, 2013**
- October 17, 2013 - Six Nations
- November 21, 2013 – Hamilton
- December 19, 2013 – Six Nations

8. Closing – Chief Blake Bomberry closed the meeting.

Summary of Action Items:

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