

JOINT STEWARDSHIP BOARD
Minutes, September 19, 2013 Meeting
City Hall, Room 193, City of Hamilton

In Attendance:

From Hamilton: Guy Paparelli, Rob Norman, Andrew Grice

From Haudenosaunee: Aaron Detlor, Brian Doolittle, Hazel Hill

JSB Coordinator: Sheri Longboat

Also in attendance: Chief Blake Bomberry, Chief Toby Williams

Chair: Sheri Longboat

Note taker: Hazel Hill

1. Opening – Chief Toby Williams opened the meeting

2. Agenda Review

- Agenda was accepted with no additions.

3. Minutes from August 22, 2013

- Minutes were approved.

4. Follow up from August 22, 2013

- Discussion on the completed action items and a note was made that inventory of monitoring activities is ongoing and future meetings planned with City of Hamilton. Circulated *List of Participants* (consultants), *Final Terms of Reference*, and *Revised ECI Vision* (for discussion at later meeting with Scott Robinson).

5. Coordinator Update

a) Trails and Meeting Places – Sheri gave a PowerPoint presentation that included pictures from a September 6th visit to the trails, and an update on the Meeting Places and Bear Track Tender. There was board discussion on the valley signs, web based tools to educate the public, including quick response (QR) codes, tender for Bear Track, and two potential sites for the Bear: Karst Site, and Carmen’s Site. The *Meeting Places Map*, and colour designs printouts for the *Bear, Eel, Nest, and Turtle* were provided.

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Action 2: Set up a Valley tour with the Board to visit the trails, Bear Paw and EIC sites, invite Scott Robinson.

b) EIC – Brief discussion on the revised vision, and identification of a date for ATRR presentation to the Board on Site and Programming.

Action 3: Arrange meeting with Scott from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm before the next Board meeting on November 17, 2013.

c) Master Plan – Sheri presented a Stewardship Framework as a proposed method for implementation of Master Plan. There was discussion around the Objectives, their continued relevancy, and the need to adjust wording (#6) to reflect humans as part of nature. The framework is a good approach – very directive and action oriented, and the content needs development with the Board.

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d) Ecological Restoration – Kayanase's restoration project ended July 2011, no invasive species management in last two years, and Kayanase has concerns that restoration has taken a step back. Sheri is working to obtain restoration final reports from Dougan and Associates for recommendations. Andrew shared that other restoration activities continue through the City of Hamilton.

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e) Medicines – Sheri has tried to contact the consultants responsible for the original medicine inventory to obtain more information to guide future activities and development of the Master Stewardship Plan.

f) Web Page – Operational web page will need work to reflect current direction. Most of the documents have been removed for legal reasons, and relevant updated material is required.

g) Monitoring- Continue to inventory monitoring activities to inform Master Stewardship Plan development. Meetings with the relevant City of Hamilton representatives are planned.

h) Deer management – discussed during item c) Master Plan.

6. New Business

a) Budget review

Decision 3: The Board should submit a 3-year budget and move the budget from discussion ahead to the October 17th meeting when more time is available.

b) Community outreach – Discussion on format for an event that would yield the greatest impact.

Action 7: Plan a community outreach event during a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Bear Track. With assistance from COH public relations, press releases, media coverage and education activities should be a part of the event.

7. Next Meeting Dates

- a)** October 17, 2013 - Six Nations – EIC Update and JSB focus on Budget
- b)** November 21, 2013 – Hamilton – Presentation on Bear Paw Update
- c)** December 19, 2013 – Six Nations

8. Roundtable – General consensus that activities are moving ahead in a more coordinated manner, and our results should be considered for presentation at conferences.

Action 8: Get some information on conferences from Andrew and put costs in the budget.

9. Closing – Chief Blake Bomberry closed the meeting.

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