

## JOINT STEWARDSHIP BOARD

Minutes, January 16, 2014

Room 718, City Hall, Hamilton, ON

### Board Members in Attendance:

#### City of Hamilton

Councillor Chad Collins

#### Haudenosaunee

Aaron Detlor

Brian Doolittle

### Board Resources:

Andrew Grice, City of Hamilton

Guy Paparella, City of Hamilton

Rob Norman, City of Hamilton

**Coordinator and Notetaker:** Sheri Longboat

**Invited Guests:** Tom Clause, Kayanase (Ecological Restoration)

### Summary of Meeting Outcomes:

**Action 1: Re: Ecological Monitoring.** Sheri to work with Kayanase to obtain monitoring reports to identify 2-3 locations in the Red Hill Valley that would benefit from restoration maintenance, as well as those where restoration was not as effective.

**Decision 1: Re: Communications.** Communications material approved for print with completed changes.

**Action 2: Re: Presentation to Council.** Sheri to draft presentation, Chad to determine final presentation date, and Guy to have the Board presentation put on April GIC agenda.

**Action 3: Re: Presentation to Council.** Sheri to work with Debbie Spence (COH) and Aaron Detlor to draft and coordinate a media release for the City of Hamilton and Six Nations communities.

**Decision 2: Re: Archaeological Display.** Those present at the meeting support a revised motion (see Appendix 1), and highlighted additional investigation is required to address uncertainties prior to the motion being tabled (e.g., number of artifacts, cost estimate, storage location). To be further discussed at the next monthly meeting.

**Action 4: Re: Archaeological Display.** A meeting be arranged with ASI Inc. to obtain the inventory of artifacts, identify what is on loan, and request pieces for display at the COH.

**Action 5: Re: Next Meeting Date.** Andrew will check the schedule of the new Board members from the City, and identify the next few meeting dates.

**Action 6: Environmental Interpretive Centre.** Sheri and Andrew to look at the 2014 budget to incorporate the cost for detailed schematics.

- 1. Opening and Announcements** – Aaron Detlor opened the meeting
  - The Board shared condolences on the recent passing of colleagues within the respective communities, City of Hamilton Councillor Bernie Morelli and Six Nations elected Chief Wellington Staats.
- 2. Introductions – New Members**
  - No new members were present.
- 3. Agenda Review**
  - The agenda was accepted with additions: update on annual report (Brian), motion on Red Hill Valley archaeological artifacts (Chad), and rough budget to proceed with EIC detailed schematics (Aaron).
- 4. Minutes from December 19, 2013**
  - Minutes were accepted with no changes.
- 5. Coordinator Report** (*See JSB January 16, 2014 PowerPoint by Sheri Longboat*)
  - Sheri provided a verbal update and highlighted activities related to the Environmental Interpretive Centre, communications materials, web page, ecological restoration background, presentation to City Council, archaeological artifacts, office administration and overall coordination with the City.
- 6. Red Hill Valley Monitoring** (*See PowerPoint: Background on Ecological Restoration*)
  - A brief presentation compiled from early project documents was offered as background on Ecological Restoration of the Red Hill Valley
  - Tom Clause from Kayanase, who was a key member of the initial restoration activities, shared his expertise and knowledge and answered an assortment of Board questions
  - Topics of discussion included: scope of restoration activities completed, challenges faced during planting, monitoring activities completed during the project, and the availability of data that could help inform future restoration and maintenance activities
    - The Board wishes to examine monitoring options since initial Ministry monitoring required were for only 5 years
    - Tom stressed the critical role Jim Rockwood played as a champion of the project highlighting this as a key to success in terms of maintenance and monitoring
    - Chad shared there may be opportunities for additional planting through the Ash Borer program which will see a tree planted for every one lost to the Ash Borer – trees might be adopted by the Valley for those residents that decline a replacement tree
    - There may be opportunities for Kayanase for the planting and supply of trees given their project experience, local knowledge, and availability of native seeds
    - The Board’s plan for monitoring restoration should be informed by the findings of past monitoring results which could identify areas
    - Tom can provide monitoring reports from Kayanase, and Dougan and Associates

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- Aaron inquired into the general feel of the public now that the parkway is complete
  - Chad explained that the parkway was to serve two main goals: 1) reduce congestion and 2) support the industrial parks
  - From this perspective the parkway achieved its goals, as well initial air quality monitoring reports shows the parkway has not had a negative impact; it may have a positive effect by directing poor quality air upward away from surrounding areas
  - Brian highlighted this is also likely a result of tree planting as the trees are filtering the air
  - Generally, there is a sense that those residing closest to the parkway are impacted more than those more distant and would be ones that are likely to still have concerns – although concerns have reduced significantly
- Chad departed the meeting to make quorum at another meeting in City Hall

#### **7. Communications and Web-Update**

- Draft display posters, banner, and rack cards were presented to the Board
- Suggested changes include: increase standard poster size (2" x 3"), ensure minimal font size 12 point Arial on handouts, and selection of the large banner
- Sheri offered a brief update on web developments; further discussions and demonstration was carried over to the February agenda when re-design is scheduled for completion

**Decision 1:** Communications material approved for print with completed changes.

- Brian asked about status of the Annual Report, stating the draft was well received by all, and suggested a large number be printed
- Sheri explained: 1,250 will be sent to print once ample time has been provided for new Board members to review, and printing takes a few days

#### **8. Presentation to Council**

- Presentation to Hamilton City Council for General Issues Committee (GIC) in April
- Board presentation should align with Councillor Collin's presentation on COH Archaeological Master Plan
- Two possible dates identified:
  - April 2 (materials to Clerk by March 17) or,
  - April 16 (materials to Clerk by March 31)

**Action 2:** Sheri to draft presentation, Chad to determine final presentation date, and Guy to have the Board put on GIC agenda.

- Board discussion on the presentation format – estimated duration 15 min:
  - Introduction by Chad Collins
  - Traditional Opening and Wampum explanation by Haudenosaunee
  - Background presentation by Sheri – successes and next steps
  - Question and Answer
  - Final comments (perhaps from new Board member?)
- The Board also discussed media coverage for the event that would also include a booth display outside of Council Chambers
- Debbie Spence in COH Planning Department can assist with media release, and Aaron can assist with Haudenosaunee communications

**Action 3:** Sheri to work with Debbie Spence and Aaron Detlor to draft and coordinate a media release for the City of Hamilton and Six Nations communities.

## 9. Archaeological Display

- Red Hill Valley archaeological artifacts display at the City of Hamilton to coincide with the Joint Stewardship Board presentation to Council
- The display duration (to be determined) will also coincide with the release of the City's Archaeological Master Plan
- General display criterion discussed:
  - The exhibit should display about 20 artifacts that span the long and diverse history of human interactions within the Red Hill Valley
  - Should not contain burial pieces or others sacred to the Haudenosaunee
  - Identification of significant representative pieces could be guided by the Assessment reports, Archaeological Inventory, Archaeologists, and the Haudenosaunee
- Guy read the draft motion provided by Chad re: Red Hill Valley artifacts transfer; it is anticipated the motion will be tabled to the City of Hamilton (*See Revised Motion in Appendix 1*)
  - Those present at the meeting expressed strong support of the scope and intent of the motion, and offered minor changes to the wording to highlight Joint Stewardship
  - Board also discussed related items:
    - Uncertainties around the quantify of artifacts, and total cost associated with this undertaking
    - Storage facilities – locations of existing facilities within the City
    - Protection of artifacts once at a facility (e.g., City facility, or University facility where items may be loaned)
  - It is important that the sensitivity and respect to the Haudenosaunee people be maintained throughout the processes and in any discussions around artifacts from the Valley

- The Haudenosaunee can provide guidance on such approaches
- This motion is a larger undertaking and it should be addressed separately from the Archaeological display with respect to coordinating activities with the archaeologists

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## 10. Meeting Schedule

- Difficult for all Board members to attend the meetings, and a new schedule may be required
- It is important to select dates that align with the availability of the new Board members

## 11. Next Meeting Date

**Action 5:** Andrew will check the schedule of the new Board members from the City, and identify the next few meeting dates.

## 12. Environmental Interpretive Centre

- Aaron updated the Board on his request to Scott Robinson for a cost estimate to complete the detailed schematics
- The work can be completed for \$12,000 - \$15,000
- CHANGE - Rob suggested preliminary investigation into NEC requirements and any physical restrictions to determine if they would have any potential impact on the design schematics
- CONFIRM?? It was decided that NEC and other be contacted once the detailed schematics were available as they would provided a solid communications package
- Aaron noted that the design would also have to be vetted through the Haudenosaunee

**Action 6:** Sheri and Andrew to look at the 2014 budget to incorporate the cost for detailed schematics.

## 13. Closing – Brian Doolittle closed the meeting

## APPENDIX 1 – Revised Motion Re: Transfer of Artifacts

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1. That the existing collection of artifacts related to the Red Hill Valley project be transferred to the Joint Stewardship Board who will act as trustees of the materials.
2. That the artifacts related to the project be catalogued and inventoried; and appropriately conserved in a Joint Stewardship Board approved facility.
3. That the cost associated with the exercise be funded from the Ward 5 Area Rating Account.
4. That staff prepare a report that investigates the possibility of retaining and conserving other City of Hamilton artifacts from publically owned properties and projects.