

Coordinator Report
May 12, 2015
Activity Highlights

Meeting Places

- Turtle Design – Followed up with consultant for progress re: landfill site questions, and on-going communications with consultant and city staff to track progress. Received draft design report and presentation that was delivered to the Board April 2015.
- Bear Meeting Place - Designed layout for Trail Head Sign at Bear Meeting Place, obtained draft from Fantasy Sign, circulated to Board for input, and received approval. Sign installation completed March 12, 2015.

Environmental Interpretive Centre (EIC)

- On-going coordination and communications with architects
- Requested, reviewed and circulated Design Schematics Report to the board
- Requested and received proposal to completed action items resulting from April 9th meeting.
- Received final design report, 3D animation video, and design presentation.

Environmental Monitoring

- Reviewed files for past reports and reference documents, and detailed review of draft 5 year summary report (without integrated results chapter)
- Followed up with City staff and requested Complete Final 5-Year Integrated Summary report for distribution to Haudenosaunee in advance of consultant presentations
- Requested from City initial Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan (December 2007) as background for monitoring protocol
- Medicines – Reviewed files for medicines information related to current floodplain widening/creek construction. Meetings with Traditional Medicine People to understand past work on medicines
- Visited the valley to look at site of floodplain widening/creek construction to consider Joint Stewardship Board response upon notice of maintenance or construction activities in the valley.
- Arranged for Traditional Medicine People to conduct a 1-day walk-through the valley to look at the impact of floodplain widening/creek construction from the work completed in January and potential impacts for July 2015 phase. Received field video and brief report of findings and recommendations.

Community Engagement

- Attended meeting with Social Planning and Research Council Hamilton re: opportunities for collaboration with Neighbourhood Action Strategy community groups: McQuesten, and Davis Creek

- Gathered and read background materials on Community Planning Teams near the valley, and established relationships with Community Developers
- Presented to both Davis Creek and McQuesten Community Planning teams at monthly meeting in March 2015. Invited to future meetings and added to email list.
- Followed up with Community Developers re: medicines and indigenous plantings for Urban Garden (McQuesten).
- Designed Printed Trail Map Handout and distributed to local Community Planning teams
- Visited and discussed opportunities with Green Venture re: collaboration on programming in the valley.
- Outreached to event coordinator for Blue Dot/Earth Day event. Received invitation for Aboriginal participation during opening and tree planting event. Coordinated Haudenosaunee speaker for traditional opening and participation by Hamilton urban aboriginal drum group.
- Distributed annual report to City of Hamilton Council, Hamilton Aboriginal Advisory Committee, and Board chairs for Niagara Escarpment Commission, Hamilton Conservation Authority, and Environment Hamilton
- Delivered guest lecture at McMaster University on water security and First Nations for third year class, showcased Joint Stewardship Board
- Delivered guest lecture at Wilfrid Laurier University for first year Sustainability Class, showcased Joint Stewardship Board
- Visited Hamilton Aboriginal Health Centre, presented to group before Men's Drum Circle, and received input and ideas for programming at the Bear from urban aboriginal representatives
- Attended Ontario Climate Change Consultation Event re: the incorporation of indigenous knowledge in the development of provincial action plans.
- Organized with Haudenosaunee environmental monitors, created materials and participated in Earth Day event at Turtle Island News. Promoted Joint Stewardship and supported local strategy to educate on waste diversion.
- Attended talk at Wilfrid Laurier University re: partnerships and sustainable watersheds
- Invited and participated in the Social Science and Humanities Research Council's Indigenous Research Meeting at Brock University re: setting future direction for research, Indigenous researchers perspective.

2015 Priorities and Planning

- Initiated scoping of feasibility of activities proposed for 2015 budget - activities around Valley Guide, Bear Activities, Environmental Monitoring Report Card, and Workshops to disseminate results
- Explored initial considerations for long-term monitoring recommendations – Joint Stewardship Board specific monitoring items.
- Background review on curriculum and lessons developed by Raymond Skye around Haudenosaunee Clans – Six Nations Iroquois Program Teacher’s Resource Guide
- Follow up meetings with Raymond to explore curriculum application for activities at the Bear Meeting Place, future Turtle Interpretive Sign, and development of a Guide to the Valley
- Meeting with previous JSB Cultural Coordinator Rick Hill re: past activities, board decisions, future activities and followed up to obtain contact names and organizations. Outreach to contacts.

Joint Stewardship Board

- Delivered orientation packages to new City of Hamilton Board members
- Arranged April Special Meeting with City staff, and completed minutes and followed up on action items
- Coordinated EIC and Turtle consultant presentations, reviewed draft reports and presentations, and provided feedback
- Arranged May Board Meeting with City staff, and prepared agenda and meeting materials

Finance and Office Administration

- Confirmed annual budget and activities with city staff and provided to GREAT Finance for reporting. Completed payables and maintained budget tracking.
- Maintained Joint Stewardship Board files, documents, and finance records and on-going communications with board members, consultants, and Hamilton and Six Nations communities.
- Prepared quarterly financial report from budget tracking spreadsheet.

Web Page

- Maintained web page and completed regular updates including upload of meeting agenda, minutes, and document from Board meetings, and output from consultants.