

Coordinator Report- Activity Highlights
May 19, 2016
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Meeting Places

- Monitoring of Turtle Design completion
 - Final Turtle design and tender package received March 24, 2016
 - Under review by City for comments and further revisions
 - Anticipate tender via City of Hamilton in spring 2016
 - Fall 2016 construction
 - Will require planning for an interpretive sign – summer activity
- Monitoring Nest concept design
 - DTAH from City Roster contracted to complete the design
 - February 29, 2016 presentation to JSB – three concept models
 - Follow up with DTAH re: revised concept design to reflect JSB comments
 - April 2016 – delay in revised design (DTAH illness and staffing change)
 - Received a draft revision – April 27, 2016 plan to present to JSB at next meeting
 - Requested, as per February 29, 2016 meeting, a second draft/concept design
 - Past JSB decision – detailed design, tender, and construction by City in 2017

Environmental Interpretive Centre

- Follow-up with ATRR re: EIC servicing requirements considering “green” and off-the-grid
 - Received two technical briefs outlining servicing options
 - Received a summary brief and awaiting costing to complete
 - Anticipate documents available in May/early June
 - Will schedule meeting with JSB to review and discuss next steps

Medicine Workshops with Hamilton Community Partners

- Attended Davis Creek Community Planning Team March monthly meeting to present and distribute annual report
- Organized workshop, developed flyer for advertising, and provided workshop materials
- Davis Creek Salve Workshop scheduled for fall 2016
- Tentative plans to meet with Aboriginal Health Centre (Elaine Lee and Marilyn Wright) and McQuesten (Laura Ryan) re: additional co-sponsored workshops – medicine walk
- Attended and participated in May 10 medicine walk.
- Workshop included valley walk and follow up discussion at Davis Creek Community meeting room
- Event was very well received with over 30 participants

Hamilton Children’s Water Festival

- Continued planning activities for JSB participation in the 3-day May/June festival for Grade 4 children from Hamilton Schools.
- Outreach with Haudenosaunee Clan Mother Gloria Thomas for suggestions and guidance
- Finalized a speaker to John Henhawk to conduct activity that will talk about the Haudenosaunee teachings around water, e.g. Thanksgiving Address – Ohenten Kariwatekwen
- Attended planning meeting with Hamilton Water, and meetings with John Henhawk
- Coordinated activities with City to include a traditional opening as part of the VIP event

Ontario Community Environment Fund

- Worked with Kayanase with support from Kara Bunn, and financial commitment from Councillor Collins, to generate two collaborative proposals that were submitted by Kayanase on March 31, 2016
 - **Woodland Restoration** – ecological restoration and enhancement of woodland habitat at select sites in the Red Hill Valley. Total project ~\$94,000 with OCEF request ~\$65,000.
 - **Meadow Habitat Enhancement**– restoring critical habitat in the Red Hill Valley to support pollinator species. Total project ~\$80,000 with OCEF request ~\$75,000

Hydro One – Proposed Vegetation Management Activities

- Follow up to February 29, 2016 Technical JSB meeting with Hydro One
- Communications with Hydro One to re-state JSB position re: application process
- Background research on Hydro One activities, and also contacted Wahta Mohawks re: Hydro One agreement to maintain easement corridor on land claim settlement lands
- Arranged valley walk-through for an initial view of the area of impact, to gain several perspectives, including: electrical engineering, vegetation restoration, medicine plants, wildlife habitat and Haudenosaunee culture
- Received an initial report from Kayanase and awaiting other reports which will be synthesized
- Established and maintain communications between Hamilton residents and the Haudenosaunee – attended resident-Hydro One agreement by resident invitation
- Also met with Pottruff Road Hamilton resident to understand concerns and identify potential tree planting sites with Kayanase.
- Circulated info to Haudenosaunee re: Hydro One plans
- Vegetation clear-cutting began May 16th

Earth Day – April 22, 2016

- JSB involvement in two Earth Day events at Six Nations: tree planting sponsorship for Turtle Island News Earth Day event, and an information table at Kayanase's Earth Day Open House. Distributed JSB reports, RHV maps, and pens.

Joint Stewardship Board Meetings

- Followed up on action items from January 20, 2016 JSB meeting and February 29, 2016 technical meeting (1. Draft Nest Concepts, and 2. Hydro One meeting).
- Compiled and circulated minutes, on-going communication with JSB members
- Cancelled April 26, 2016 JSB meeting as requested and re-scheduled May 24, 2016

JSB Application Development

- No updates
- Completed draft JSB Application and provided to the JSB and city for input at January 20, 2016 meeting

Integrated Environmental Monitoring

- No updates

- Previously forwarded completed Haudenosaunee environmental comments and recommendations for future monitoring to City staff for incorporation with City recommendations – results to return to JSB for decision-making

Finance and Administration

- Maintain financial tracking to generate quarterly reports to reconcile with GRETI invoice to City
- Maintained and updated the Joint Stewardship Board web page

Medicine Walk Pictures with Davis Creek Community Planning Team Supporting Hamilton Neighbourhood Action Strategy May 10, 2016



