



FOREST OPERATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room (2nd Floor)

The Committee met at 55 Zina Street, Orangeville at 7.00 p.m.

Members Present: Councillor Laura Ryan (Chair)
Al Buck (Public Member)
Johnny Yeaman (Public Member)
John Riley (Public Member)

Members Absent: Councillor Geoff Dunlop (prior notice)
Anne Marie Roussy (Public Member) (prior notice)
Colleen Mitchell (Public Member) (prior notice)

Others Present: Councillor Guy Gardhouse

Staff Present: Darrell Keenie, DCMA General Manager
Caroline Mach, County Forest Manager
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members

REVIEW

1. FOREST OPERATION REVIEW COMMITTEE – October 19, 2016– ITEM #1
Draft Recreational Use of the County Forest

The Committee reviewed the revised draft of the Recreational Use Policy for the Dufferin County Forest. Staff were directed to make minor changes to wording within the policy.

DISCUSSION

- The Committee reviewed the structure of the advisory committee and suggested adding wording to the terms of reference to include engagement with user groups on an annual basis.
- The Committee discussed the possibility of establishing a recreational off road motorcycle trail in the Randwick Tract. Members of the Committee met at the Randwick Tract in early October and explored potential locations for a parking

area. Al Buck will draft a proposal for a pilot event at the Randwick Tract and bring it back to the Committee for their review.

- The development of an enforcement model was discussed. Darrell Keenie informed the Committee that the County of Dufferin's by-law enforcement officer will enforce the Recreational Use Policy.

Caroline Mach left the room (8:19 p.m.)

- The Committee discussed the current arrangement with the Mansfield Outdoor Centre regarding use of a portion of the Main Tract for cross-country skiing. Darrell Keenie informed the Committee that the County has had an agreement with the Mansfield Outdoor Centre since 1976. It was noted that the County Forest Manager is related to the owners, so to avoid conflict Darrell Keenie is the signing authority for any agreement with the Mansfield Outdoor Centre.

Caroline Mach returned (8:24 p.m.)

- The Committee discussed how to present the draft Recreational Use Policy to the public. Steve Murphy, Communications Coordinator, will be at the next meeting to help determine a communication strategy.
- Next steps were discussed. Staff will bring forward the final draft of the Recreational Use Policy to the November Committee meeting for Council approval. Work will continue on a communication strategy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2016 – 7 p.m.
55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room