



FOREST OPERATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – 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)
Colleen Mitchell (Public Member)
John Riley (Public Member)

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

Staff Present: Pam Hillock, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Darrell Keenie, DCMA General Manager
Caroline Mach, County Forest Manager
Rebecca Whelan, Information Management Coordinator

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members – None

1. **FOREST OPERATION REVIEW COMMITTEE – April 5, 2017 – ITEM #1** **Draft Recreational Use Policy of the County Forest**

The Committee reviewed the public comments regarding the Draft Recreational Use Policy and the proposal for a Motorized Vehicle Event at the Randwick Tract. Comments from Anne-Marie Roussy were circulated on desk.

DISCUSSION

- The Committee reviewed the list of suggested amendments to the Recreational Use Policy that resulted from the public consultation period. The following changes will be made to the Draft Policy:
 - Depth of tracks left will be changed to ½ inch or 1.3 cm where mentioned throughout the Policy
 - Term of the Advisory Committee to be added to Appendix C
 - Under section 7, add that portable tree stands are to be taken down after each use

- Use of “manager” will be changed to “County Forest Manager or designate” throughout the Policy
- Under section 13, add that camping is not permitted other than as part of an event.
- Add new sections to include the following: campfires are not permitted; dumping or littering is not permitted; and vandalism is not permitted.

The Committee discussed providing more advanced notice of logging operations. Notice must be provided a minimum of 2 days in advance to the County Forest Manager, and will be circulated to the public via the website. The Committee felt that more advanced signage could be put up in the tracts once the tender is awarded.

The trapping of nuisance beavers, consumption of alcohol on public property, reporting of illegal hunting, and the requirement to wear a helmet are all enforced through other by-laws or legislation, and do not need to be specified in the Policy.

The Committee decided to add a clause to prohibit drones unless authorized by staff.

2. FOREST OPERATION REVIEW COMMITTEE – April 5, 2017 – ITEM #2 Draft Recreational Use Policy of the County Forest – Next Steps

The Committee discussed the next steps.

- a. Staff undertook to amend the draft Recreation Policy and compile further statistics based on residency and to circulate it to the committee prior to a report being submitted to Committee and Council.
- b. A staff report will be taken to the April or May meeting of the Community Services-Dufferin Oaks Committee.
- c. The Committee members asked if the statistics could be broken down further (i.e. how many residents were in favour of the Policy). Staff will work on new statistics and will circulate them to the Committee along with the draft report.
- d. Staff will determine if a by-law is necessary to enforce the policy

3. FOREST OPERATION REVIEW COMMITTEE – April 5, 2017 – ITEM #3
Draft Recreational Use Policy of the County Forest – Next Steps

The Committee reviewed the trail designations map. The County Forest Manager, along with the Advisory Committee will continue to work on the trail maps and signage.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Laura Ryan, Chair
Forest Operation Review Committee