Wednesday, May 7th, 2008
5:00 p.m.
Lanark County Municipal Office
Council Chambers

* If required, the Community Development Committee meeting will recess at 7:00 p.m.
to accommodate the Lanark County Municipal Trails Board Annual General Meeting.

Councillor Bruce Horlin, Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   Suggested Motion:
   “THAT, the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on
   April 2nd, 2008 be approved as circulated.”

4. ADDITIONS & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   Suggested Motion:
   “THAT, the agenda be adopted as presented.”

5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

   None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS


   iii) Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs: Letter Thanking Delegation for
        Meeting during the Ontario Good Road Association and Rural Ontario Municipal
        Association 2008 Combined Conference – attached, page 10

7. REPORTS

i) Report #T-06-2008 Tourism Information – attached, page 14
   Clerk, Cathie Ritchie.

   Suggested Motion:
   “THAT, Report #T-06-2008 Tourism Information be received as information only.”

    Clerk, Cathie Ritchie.

   Suggested Motion:
   “THAT, Report #PD-07-2008 of the Planning Approvals Administrator for the period March 22nd, 2008 to March 21st, 2008 be received as information.”

iii) Report of the Valley Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation (verbal).
    Councillor, Richard Kidd.

   Suggested Motion:
   “THAT, the Valley Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation Report (verbal) be received as information.”

    Councillor Susan Freeman.

   b) Next Meeting: Rescheduled to May 12th, 2008.

   Suggested Motion:
   “THAT, the report of the Lanark County Municipal Trails Corporation (LCMTC) (verbal) be received as information.”

    Councillor Susan Freeman.

    No Report.
    Next Meeting: May 15th, 2008
Chair, Councillor Susan Freeman.


       Suggested Motion:
       “THAT, the report of the Community Forests Sub-Committee (verbal) be received as information only.”

   b) Friends of Community Forests of Lanark County Request – attached, page 35.

       Suggested Motion:
       “THAT, Lanark County Council continues to implement the Community Forest Business Plan, as managed by Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, and endorsed by the Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF) Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification Program”.

     Warden Bob Fletcher.

   No Report.
   Next Meeting: To be determined.

      Councillor Wendy Laut.

       Suggested Motion:
       “THAT, the Report of the Algonquin Land Claim Negotiating Committee be received as information.”

ix) Report of the Lanark County Agricultural Advisory Sub-Committee (verbal).
    Chair, Councillor Richard Kidd.

    No Report.
    Next Meeting: At the call of the Chair.

x) Report of the Lanark County Seven Wonders Steering Committee (verbal).
    Chair, Councillor Bruce Horlin.

    No Report.
    Next Meeting: At the call of the Chair.

xi) Subdivision Workplan Steering Committee (verbal).
    Chair, Warden, Bob Fletcher.

    No Report.
    Next Meeting: At the call of Chair.
8. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS
   None.

9. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS
   None.

10. ADJOURNMENT
COMMUNICATIONS


   • Clerk’s Role in Closed Council Meetings – attached, page 11.
   • New Optional Property Tax Class
   • New PSAB Newsletter Released – attached, page 17.
   • Legislation for Province-Wide Pesticide Ban Introduced – attached, page 23.
   • Restrictions on Clotheslines Overridden – attached, page 28.
   • New Customer Service Forum
   • Online Forum Questions Seeking Answers

   • Road Funding Allocation Formula Released – attached, page 33.
   • Province Announces Funding to Help Municipalities Fight Global Warming
   • PSAB Developments – attached, page 34.
   • Municipal Appointments of Closed Meeting Investigators – attached, page 44.
   • MOE Extends Deadline for Water Billing Data – attached, page 53.
   • Province Updating Sewage & Water Design Guidelines
Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: WASH/WAKE ON THE RIDEAU CANAL

The Rideau Canal is enjoyed by a variety of people and in many different ways. Although everyone is encouraged to experience the Rideau Canal, some activities may put the natural, or cultural attributes of the waterway at risk, create unsafe conditions, or could be a catalyst for human conflict.

Hillary Knack, Head of Resource Conservation and Mary Ann Stienberg, Head of Visitor Services, will be studying the effects of excessive wash/wake along the Rideau. Their plan is to:

- collect and analyse relevant data;
- assemble a working group;
- work with stakeholders and regulatory agencies;
- produce a report of boating practices with observations on the impact and relationship boaters have with the rest of the community; and
- coordinate remedial action where appropriate and regulatory action where necessary.

For this reason, we would like to ask you the following questions:

- “Have you had a negative experience on, or along, the Rideau Canal as a result of wash/wake caused by boaters?”
- “Have you personally witnessed damage to the natural environment, as a result of wash/wake caused by boaters?”

If your answer is “yes”, please let us know. Be sure to include details in your response (i.e. where, when, what, and by whom). If your answer is “no”, your response is equally important. Any suggestions you may have, would also be appreciated.

Please send your input by: e-mail to rideau.comments@pc.gc.ca, fax 613-283-0677 or regular post to the address at the top of this letter.

Irv Mazurkiewicz
Director of Operations
Rideau Canal National Historic Site
Of Canada
DEFINITIONS

Wake - A disturbed column of water around and behind a pleasure craft as it makes its way through the water.

Wash - A specific component of the wake consisting of loose and broken water. It includes water thrown aft by the propeller and the waves that roll off the side of the boat.

Careless Operation - An offense under the Small Vessel Regulations that reads:

“No person shall operate a small vessel in a careless manner without due care and without reasonable consideration for other persons.”

You are responsible for the cost of repair or restitution for damage and discomfort your boat causes to people, objects, wildlife and shoreline. Under the Contraventions Act, enforcement authorities can ticket offenders on the spot, instead of requiring them to appear in court. The fine for operating a vessel in a manner that endangers the safety of persons or property and for failure to control wake resulting in danger to the safety of persons or property is $200.

SPEED LIMITS

The Ontario Provincial Police patrol from Kingston to Burritts Rapids and the Ottawa Police Service patrols from Burritts Rapids through Ottawa. Speed zones have been established along the navigation channels. All zones are posted with signs and regulated under the Boating Restrictions Regulations, part of the Canada Shipping Act.

There are two types of signs - the boundary markers (arrow signs) which identify the beginning and end of a speed zone, and speed limit signs (circles), which remind boaters to obey the speed limit while they are in the zone. Both types of signs are either posted on the shoreline, on structures, or are attached to floating white buoys adjacent to the navigation channel. Where posted, the speed limit is 10 km/hr (6 mph).

WATCH YOUR WAKE

Boat wake and wash is a major problem along the Rideau Canal. While cruising close to shore, in narrow channels, near other boats, swimmers and docks, operate as close to dead slow as possible while maintaining steering and control of your craft.

Did You Know?

What is immediately on the surface after your boat passes is easy to see, although its true force and depth may not be easy to judge. There is also danger underneath your boat.

Drawdown caused by all boats, especially in narrow channels, can be more damaging than surface wash. Combined with propeller disturbances, your boat can easily damage the bottom of the river bed, disturbing habitat as well as washing away shoreline without your knowledge.
How your boat reacts with the water depends on its hull shape. All hulls, from deep vee planing hulls to displacement hulls can cause damage, depending on speed and other circumstances.

**Myth** - Planing hulls on plane create less wash and less damage.

**Fact** - On the surface, wash may have less height when the boat is on plane but the wave created is longer, faster, deeper and contains more energy. It is potentially more damaging, especially as it enters shallow water and rises above the surface.

**Myth** - Displacement hulls do not create wash that is damaging.

**Fact** - A displacement hull moving at a minimum speed causes less wash and usually of a lower height than that produced by a planing hull. However, a displacement hull may push a wave in front of it which, in narrow, shallow channels, can produce a return flow between the boat and the shore. This flow, combined with propeller-induced flow can scour the bottom and reverberate off the shoreline, causing significant damage.

**HAS THIS HAPPENED TO YOU?**

"...waves from a cruiser caused damage as items fell and crashed in the boat..."

"...fridge and cupboard contents strewn..."

"...I had concern for my safety in the canoe, where I had little ability to escape their path - most boat captains were unaware of the affect of their wake on small craft..."

"...while repairing our dock, the wash from a fast boat was so violent it threw my husband off his feet onto the dock and he cracked three ribs..."

"...commonly a wash is so violent that it throws water six or more feet high and soaks an area four feet from the shoreline - my fear is that one day a child will be blown into the water as a result of the dangerous wash..."

"...in mid-summer, we were asked to tow a customer's pontoon boat which, while stopped in the water, had been turtled by a quick series of intense washes..."

**WHAT CAN I DO?**

- **Watch your wash. As you travel, watch behind you.** If your wash is sending other boats rolling, forcing them sideways or causing occupants to scramble for a hand-hold or if it is crashing against the shoreline, you are creating too much wash.

- **Watch out for and be considerate of small vessels such as canoes and kayaks.**

- **Slow down well before meeting and overtaking other boats and well before posting speed zones and narrow channels. Leave as much room as possible between you and boats you meet or overtake.**

- **Give special consideration while passing harvesting machines which manage vegetation growth in the navigation channel, scows maintaining aids to navigation and other vessels working in or along the canal.**

- **Maintain a proper look-out at all times to avoid emergency manoeuvres.**

- **Remember that your hull shape determines the damage you cause on the surface and below the surface. All hulls can cause damage. It is your responsibility to be aware of your boat's characteristics so we can all enjoy the Rideau.**

Note: This list is not all inclusive. You should also be familiar with publications such as Boating Safety and Historic Canal Regulations.

**IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

**OPP:** Toll Free - 1-888-310-1122  
Cell Phone *677*

**Ottawa Police Emergency:** 911  
Non-emergency 1-613-236-1222

**Coast Guard:** Radio - VHF Channel 16  
Cell Phone *16; Weather - VHF Channel 21B & 83B

**Search and Rescue:** 1-800-267-7270

**Charts, Publications and Information:**  
Available at many marinas and from:

Friends of the Rideau  
1 Jasper Ave.  
Smiths Falls, ON K7A 4B5  
1-613-283-5810  
www.rideaufriends.com

Parks Canada, Rideau Canal Office  
34 Beckwith St. South  
Smiths Falls ON K7A 2A8  
1-888-773-8888  
www.pc.gc.ca  
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Mr. Bob Fletcher
Warden
County of Lanark
PO Box 37, Sunset Boulevard
County Administration Building
99 Christine Lake Road
Perth, Ontario
K7H 3E2

Dear Warden Fletcher:

I would like to thank you and your delegation – councillors Richard Kidd, Aubrey Churchill, Al Lunney, Gordon McConnell, and County Clerk Cathie Ritchie – for meeting with me during the Ontario Good Roads Association and Rural Ontario Municipal Association 2008 Combined Conference. I welcome the opportunity to meet with delegations so I can gain a better understanding of the wide array of issues facing Ontario’s rural and northern municipalities.

Rural communities are integral to the province’s economic and social well being. Our government remains committed to working with you to maximize opportunities for rural communities to grow, diversify and prosper.

I appreciate your update on the Agricultural Advisory Sub-Committee’s accomplishments in 2007 and its plans for 2008. I am pleased that the county is continuing to support local initiatives such as buy local and 4-H programming. I know local ministry staff have provided support to the advisory sub-committee in the past and can assure you that ministry staff will continue to assist when needed. Please accept my best wishes as you continue your efforts to support agriculture-related economic development.
Thank you for raising your concerns about the Ontario Feeder Cattle Loan Guarantee Program. Ministry staff periodically assess the utilization of loan limits by all 19 co-operatives and will redistribute these limits where required to better match demand. For example, the Ottawa Valley Co-op is in the process of having its allocation increased to reflect the higher number of claims submitted.

I appreciate your comments with regard to the valuation of livestock killed by wildlife, and understand that wildlife can be a serious concern to affected producers.

The issues surrounding wildlife are complex and involve livestock producers, the hunting community, environmentalists, and all levels of government. Ministry staff are currently evaluating our wildlife damage compensation program and identifying potential revisions, as appropriate. I have forwarded your comments to staff for consideration as part of this ongoing review process.

Again, thank you for meeting with me during the conference. I commend your efforts to support a prosperous and sustainable agricultural community in Lanark County.

Sincerely,

Leona Dombrowsky
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

c: Mr. Randy Hillier, MPP
    Lanark–Frontenac–Lennox and Addington
April 11, 2008

TO: All Ontario Municipalities

SUBJECT: 2008 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend

As you know, the Province of Ontario, in partnership with many nongovernment organizations like the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, declares one summer weekend (Friday, July 4 through Sunday, July 6, 2008) a licence-free fishing weekend.

This special weekend, again run in conjunction with National Fishing Week, July 5-13, 2008, includes fish festivals, clinics, or conservation and educational activities that may be held in your area.

Would you please help us publicize the 2008 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend in any calendar of summer events you may participate in or publish. In addition, please consider “declaring” this date as Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

Please also remember that there will be an Ontario Family Fishing Winter Weekend February 14-16, 2009. There will be more details on this later in the year.

For further information, please contact the following during business hours:

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (705) 748-6324
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (705) 755-1902

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours in Conservation,

Mark Cousins
Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee

c/o Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
P.O. Box 2800
Peterborough, Ontario
K9J 8L5
Fax: (705) 748-9577
REPORTS
THE COUNTY OF LANARK

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
May 7th, 2008

Report #T-06-2008
of the Tourism Manager

TOURISM INFORMATION REPORT

1. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

i) The report of the Tourism Manager be received as information only.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Community Development Committee on tourism projects and programs to date.

3. BACKGROUND

The Tourism department continues to implement planned marketing activities to raise the profile of Lanark County as a tourism destination. Specifically; print publications, participation in consumer, trade and media shows, collaborative marketing and strategic advertising.

4. DISCUSSION

i) Media Relations

In addition to articles in Edifice and Kingston Life Magazine (attached), and significant coverage in the French provincial tourism guide called “L’Ontario”, our first visit from travel writer Peter Johansen on Friday, April 25. Peter’s article will be published in the Globe and Mail featuring the history of cheese-making in Lanark County.

ii) Partnerships

Four tourism planning meetings have generated enthusiastic interest in the future of Tourism for Lanark County. Groups in Drummond North Elmsley, Smiths Falls, Mississippi Mills and Carleton Place have determined what element of their community makes them distinctly marketable. This was referred to by Ontario Tourism Network as the “USP” or “Unique Selling Proposition”. Results:
Carleton Place – “Canada’s Mississippi” = An internationally recognized name, the oldest Canoe Club in Canada & Olympic level canoeing opportunities, Blues & Musical Arts; Overnight market from Ottawa; Sports Tourism angle works well with adjacent Beckwith and Ottawa.

Drummond North Elmsley – “Maple Syrup Trail” = Day trip market drawing from Smiths Falls and Merrickville, featuring beaches and equestrian trails. Maple Syrup theme ties in well with County promotions and will help appeal to international visitors.

Smiths Falls – “Heart of the Rideau” = Rideau Lock system. UNESCO Designation. International travellers by car and boat, staying in Ottawa or Kingston.

Mississippi Mills – “Home of James Naismith” The “creator” of Basketball, and international sport, was born and raised in Almonte. International draw.

Existing:
Heritage Perth – “Aged to Perfection”

This exercise will help communities focus on their strengths in order to draw specific markets and expand on what we offer as a county. Tourism Manager has follow up meetings set to work on ideas brought forward.

The proposed regional plan involves the following new initiatives:

Rideau Heritage Route – Culinary Road Trip

Lanark County Tourism – Architectural Gems, Bird Walks, Revised Byway Tours

Lanark County Museums Network – Museums & Attractions

Perth & District Tourism Coalition – Cycling Tours

Working together allows for complimentary multi-tiered experiences, assisting visitors to explore the area.

iii) County Tourism Staff
The position of Tourism Relations Officer was posted on April 28 for a two-week period. Recruitment will take place in May.
iv) **Tourism Guide, Map & Billboards**
These projects have been allotted more time, as our contracted designer Annie Dalton of Design Network is recovering from a recent back injury and must limit working hours. The new experience guide is dated 2008-2009 and will be in circulation for 1.5 years, in order to satisfy advertisers.

v) **Recent & Upcoming Events**
- April 16  Funding Forum
- April 22  Maple Syrup Designation (see attached article D)
- May 1  Community Capacity application due
- May 13  Tay River 125\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary Steering Committee
- May 15  Rideau Heritage Route Marketing Planning Session
- May 21  Ontario Tourism Training Session
- May 24  County of Lanark Grand Opening
- May 29  Emergency Training
- June 2-6  Tourism Week

5. **ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS**

None.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The 2008 budget process is complete.

7. **LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT**

A new funding proposal through Valley Heartland addresses the interests of the local municipalities and the business community by increasing the profile of tourism and brings together existing tourism networks.

A contribution will be requested from the Municipal Stakeholders Group.

8. **CONCLUSIONS**

None.
9. ATTACHMENTS

Articles & Editorial
   A) Direction Ontario (L'Ontario)
   B) Edifice Magazine
   C) Kingston Life
   D) Lanark Era

Prepared by:

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Tourism Manager

Recommend for Approval:

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Cathie Ritchie
Clerk

Approved by:

[Signature]
Peter Wegland
Chief Administrative Officer
National historic plaque for maple production to be erected at Wheeler's Maple Museum

By Wendy Vallisene

Wheeler's Maple Heritage Museum in McDonald's Corner, has been chosen as the setting for a national historic plaque in recognition of the significant contributions of maple products to Canada's history.

A ceremony announcing this decision is to be held today, April 22 at 10:30 a.m., at the Wheeler's Maple Heritage Museum, 312 Highland Lane, McDonald's Corner.

The official unveiling of the national historic plaque, which has yet to be designed and cast, will be held next year.

Vernor and Judy Wheeler, owners of Wheeler's Pancake House and Maple Museum, operate one of the longest maple-producing farms in eastern Ontario. Members of the Wheeler family have been producing maple syrup on this land since 1978.

Now a major tourist destination, the couple and their extended family host approximately 30,000 visitors each year.

The Wheeler's Maple Heritage Museum features an extensive personal collection of antique and rare tools used by early settlers to produce maple products in years gone by. It also displays a variety of methods used to transform the sap of maple trees into maple syrup, including those used by native peoples and early immigrants. There are also models of maple syrup and sugar.

Wheeler's Maple Heritage Museum is one of three areas chosen for this honour in Canada, and the only one in Ontario. The other two plaques will be displayed in Quebec at Mont-Salus-Huai and Pleaserville.

The decision by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada to recognize the historic significance of maple products was formally approved by the Canadian Parliament last week.

Today's announcement will be made by MP Scott Reid on behalf of Canada's Environment Minister, John Baird. Lennox Heights Mayor Ron Fletcher will also offer congratulations and local historian, Canada Smith, will speak about the history of maple production in Lennox County.

Canada's system of national historic sites now includes 957 historic sites, 610 historic persons, and 351 sites in recognition of historic events. Most are owned and operated by private individuals, not-for-profit groups, and corporations. Parks Canada also cares for 137 of these special places on behalf of Canadians.
1. **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

The report of the Planning Approvals Administrator for the period March 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 2008 – April 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2008 be received as information.

2. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to update Members of the Committee on the activities of the Planning Approvals Department.

3. **BACKGROUND**

**Land Division Committee**

(a) The Committee took the following actions with respect to consent applications considered at the regular meeting held on April 28, 2008:

**PROVISIONAL CONSENT GRANTED:**
- **B07/143 & B07/144, Howard McRae & Caroleann McRae** – Pt. Lots 18 & 19, Concession 8, Township of Beckwith
- **B07/159 Kenneth Austin Leach & Ethel Ida Elaine Leach** – Pt W½ Lot 21, Concession 4, Township of Beckwith
- **B07/170, Mary Jane Murphy** – Pt. Lot 2, Concession 11, Township of Lanark, now in the Township of Lanark Highlands
- **B08/001, Mark Young & Tammy Young** – Pt. Lot 18, Concession 8 in the Township of Beckwith
- **B08/009, B08/010 & B08/011, Renny Burchill** – Pt. Lots 2 & 3, Concession 6 in the Township of Drummond, Now in the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley
- **B08/016, Ralph Kenneth Bretzlaff & Mary Dorothy Haley** – Pt. Block D, Plan 779 (Pt. E½ Lot 11, Con. 11), Township of Pakenham, now in the Town of Mississippi Mills
- **B08/017 & B08/018, Ronald White** – Pt. Lot 11, Concession 8, Township of North Elmsley, now in the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley
B08/019, Norman James Taylor – Pt. Lot 28, Concession 10, Township of North Elmsley, now in the Town of Perth

B08/021, William Anthony Ryan Jr. – Pt. W½ Lot 25, Concession 12, Township of Pakenham, now in the Town of Mississippi Mills

B08/022, Paul R. Maynard in Trust & Penny Anne Maynard in Trust. Pt. E½ Lot 3, Concession 8, Township of Ramsay, now in the Town of Mississippi Mills

B08/023, B08/024 & B08/025, Irene Faye Couch – W½ . Lot 9, Concession 1, Township of Drummond, now in the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley

B08/026, Brian Alistair Hanna & Lois Anne Hanna – Pt. Lot 14, Concession 8, Township of Ramsay, now in the Town of Mississippi Mills

B08/027, Donna Reiber & Richard Reiber– Pt. Lot 19, Concession 7, Township of Drummond, now in the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley

B08/028, Carl James Kilpatrick & Elizabeth Joyce Kilpatrick – Pt. NE½ Lot 26, Concession 3, Township of Bathurst, now in Tay Valley Township

B08/029, Lloyd Chamney – Lots 153, 154, 160 & 161, Plan 6114, Town of Carleton Place (189 Napoleon Street)

B08/030, James Lloyd Cameron – Pt. Lot 22, Concession 10, Township of Bathurst, now in Tay Valley Township

B08/035, Richard Patrick Murphy – Pt. Lot 20, Concession 9, Township of North Burgess, now in Tay Valley Township

B08/036, Janet Louise Campbell – W½ Lot 5, Concession 6, Township of Drummond, now in the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley (3017 Drummond Con. 7)

B08/037, Glenn Patrick Gangnier – Pt. Lots 21 & 22, Concession 4, Township of South Sherbrooke, now in Tay Valley Township

DECISION DEFERRED:

B08/036, Janet Louise Campbell – W Pt Lot 5 Concession 6, geographic Township of Drummond, Township of Drummond / North Elmsley (3017 Drummond Conc. 7). The solicitor for the applicant has requested that the severed and retained portions be reversed. Application will require re-circulation.

Subdivisions

No items to report.
4. DISCUSSION
Not applicable.

5. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS
Not applicable.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
None.

7. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT
None.

8. CONCLUSIONS
Not applicable.

9. ATTACHMENTS
None

Prepared By:

Mary Kirkham
Planning Approvals Administrator

Recommended By:

Cathie Ritchie
Clerk

Approved for Submission By:

Peter Wagland
Chief Administrative Officer
MINUTES
FOURTH BOARD MEETING OF 2008
LANARK COUNTY MUNICIPAL TRAILS CORPORATION

The Board met on Monday, April 21st, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lanark County Municipal Office, 99 Christie Lake Road, Perth, Ontario.

Members Present: Paul Frigon, Public, Secretary,
Councillor Susan Freeman, County of Lanark,
Councillor Bruce Horlin, County of Lanark,
Councillor Val Wilkinson, Municipal Representative,
Les Humphreys, Public,
Lois Dewey, LGL District Health Unit.

Staff/Others Present: Jamie Dickey, Facilities & Fleet Manager, Public Works,
Maria MacDonald, Council and Clerk Services Assistant,
Steve Allan, Director of Public Works,
Amanda Mabo, Council and Clerk Services Assistant.

Absent: Daniel Sisty, Public, President,
David Percival, Public, Vice-President,
Janet Noyes-Brown, Public,
Mayor Paul Dulmage, Municipal Representative,
Peter Wagland, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Lanark.

LCMTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Acting Chair: Councillor Susan Freeman

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 1:49 p.m. there was no quorum.

The members present agreed to listen to the delegation and continue an informal discussion regarding various items on the Agenda.

2. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

i) AGM Procedure and Process.
Director of Public Works, Steve Allan and Council and Clerk Services Assistant, Amanda Mabo.

S. Allan gave a PowerPoint presentation – attached, page 5.

In response to various questions after the presentation, S. Allan and A. Mabo clarified the following:
- The LCMTC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place at 7:00 p.m. on
- May 7th, 2008. The Committee of the Whole meeting will recess at 7:00 p.m. to start the AGM.
- The CAO or his delegate, the Health Unit Representative and the two Lanark County Councillors are acclaimed since they are appointed to the Board.
- In order to allow County Staff time to review the LCMTC By-Law No. 2007-01, suggested amendments to the LCMTC By-Law will be brought forward to the LCMTC meeting in June 2008 for approval. Since County Council votes on any amendments to the LCMTC By-Law No. 2007-01, Wednesday August 6th, 2008 has been set aside for that purpose.
- The President, Vice-President and Secretary will be elected at the first meeting in May 2008.
- Notice of the May 7th, 2008 AGM was advertised in the EMC Record News on Thursday, April 18th, 2008 and will also be advertised on April 25th, 2008 - advertisement attached, page 12.

3. REPORTS

i) Draft Volunteer Policy Update.
   Director, Lois Dewey.

   L. Dewey was thanked for her work on the draft Volunteer Policy. Members are asked to review the Policy and forward any suggestions to L. Dewey. The Policy will be discussed at the May meeting.

4. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

i) ATV Petition in Prince Edward County.
   Public, Les Humphreys.

   L. Humphreys inquired whether any members were aware of a petition being raised to prevent the use of ATVs in Prince Edward County. L. Humphreys will do some research and provide more information at the May meeting.

ii) Review of Legislation Affecting Trails.
   Councillor, Susan Freeman.

   Councillor S. Freeman inquired if anyone read the “Review of Legislation Affecting Trails: Report on Options” communication. Councillor S. Freeman noted that there were some good recommendations for options that should be discussed. Councillor S. Freeman encouraged all members to review the legislation and that it be discussed at the May meeting.
5. **Next Meeting**

i) Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, May 7th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

ii) The May 19th, 2008 LCMTC meeting has been cancelled.

   It is tentatively being rescheduled for May 12th, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. Staff will send out an email to confirm the date change since quorum is not present.

The discussion ended at 2:30 p.m.
FIFTH MEETING OF 2008
COMMUNITY FOREST SUB-COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee met on Monday, April 21st, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lanark County Municipal Office, 99 Christie Lake Road, Perth, Ontario.

Members Present: Chair Councillor Susan Freeman, Warden Bob Fletcher, Councillor Bruce Horlin, Councillor Keith Kerr, Jeff Ward, Stewardship Council Coordinator, Jim Gilmour, Stewardship Council.

Staff/Others Present: Jamie Dickey, Facilities and Fleet Manager, Linda Touzin, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Brian Anderson, Mississippi Valley Conservation (MVC), Maria MacDonald, Council and Clerk Services Assistant.

COMMUNITY FOREST SUB-COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Susan Freeman

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None at this time.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #CF-2008-31

MOVED BY: Keith Kerr
SECONDED BY: Bob Fletcher

“THAT, the minutes of the Community Forest Sub-Committee meeting held on March 17th, 2008 be approved as presented.”

ADOPTED
4. ADDITIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA


ii) Under Communications: Ontario Protects Forest Health.

iii) Under New/Other Business: Discuss Lanark County Forests 70th Anniversary.


MOTION #CF-2008-32

MOVED BY: Keith Kerr
SECONDED BY: Jim Gilmour

“THAT, the agenda be adopted as amended.”

ADOPTED

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS


ii) Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR): Approved Annual Work Schedule Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Management Unit.

iii) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM): Compostable Pick-Up Bags.


v) Friends of Community Forests of Lanark County: Request for Five Year Moratorium on Cutting Natural Stands.


MOTION #CF-2008-33

MOVED BY: Bob Fletcher
SECONDED BY: Keith Kerr

“THAT, the April 2008 Community Forest communication items be received as information only.”

ADOPTED

The Sub-Committee agreed to move to item #8 New/Other Business to accommodate the members present from “Friends of the Community Forests of Lanark County”.

8. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

i) Discuss: Lanark County Forests 70th Anniversary.
   Stewardship Council Coordinator, Jeff Ward.

   It was suggested that a display booth promoting the County Forest be created for the May 24th, 2008 Grand Opening of the newly renovated Administration and Public Works Buildings. J. Dickey and J. Ward will research the project and bring a concept to the May 12th, 2008 meeting.

   The Sub-Committee also agreed that a fall tour should be organized to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the County Forest. Staff will prepare a press release promoting the 70th anniversary and the Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF), Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification Program.

   Facilities and Fleet Manager, Jamie Dickey.

   The following changes were suggested to the report prior to submitting it to the Community Development Committee of the Whole on May 7th, 2008:
   - Page 2 of the report: 2nd paragraph – The sentence “FSC is an independent auditor.” should be changed to “Smartwood is the independent auditor approved by FSC”.

MOTION #CF-2008-34

MOVED BY: Keith Kerr
SECONDED BY: Bob Fletcher

“THAT, the Community Forest Sub-Committee recommends that County Council continue to implement the Community Forest Business Plan, as managed by Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, and endorsed by the Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF) Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification Program”.

ADOPTED
MOTION #CF-2008-35

MOVED BY: Bob Fletcher
SECONDED BY: Bruce Horlin

"THAT, the Committee Development Committee give consideration to the proposal by the Friends of Community Forests of Lanark County Group and decide whether or not the Business Plan be modified to allow the research proposal;

AND THAT, a firm decision by the Community Development Committee and County Council is required to see the County proceed in a clearly defined direction with or without the research."

WITHDRAWN

Ted Mosquin, member of Friends of Community Forests of Lanark County, requested an expression of support from the Sub-Committee in principle, in order to facilitate the acquisition of donations from other sources. It was also suggested that the 5 year moratorium could be a separate issue and a motion to support the research within the County Forests be given by the Sub-Committee. Since the Friends of Community Forests of Lanark County Group do not have a Terms of Reference completed for the research project, the Sub-Committee was reluctant to provide a show of support. The Sub-Committee debated whether it was even within their mandate to make that type of recommendation.

MOTION #CF-2008-36

MOVED BY: Bob Fletcher
SECONDED BY: Bruce Horlin

“THAT, the Friends of Community Forests of Lanark County Group submit a revised presentation to the Community Development Committee of the Whole at a future day.”

ADOPTED

7. REPORTS


ii) 4th DRAFT County Forest Recreation Use Policy.

a) Discuss: 4th DRAFT.

Facilities and Fleet Manager, Jamie Dickey.

J. Dickey has made all the suggested changes to date. County Council will decide on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2008 if the draft County Forest Recreation Use Policy can be released to the Public in June 2008.
b) Discuss: Public Information Centre (PIC).

Facilities and Fleet Manager, Jamie Dickey.

The Sub-Committee brain-stormed ideas regarding the PICs and the following suggestions were made:
- There will be two PIC meetings. One in August in Lanark Highlands and one in Perth in September. Warden B. Fletcher will look into a meeting date and place in Lanark Highlands Township for the May 12th Sub-Committee meeting.
- J. Dickey will contact Simcoe County to research how they conducted their PIC meetings.
- J. Dickey and B. Anderson will do the introductions at the PIC meetings. All Sub-Committee members are encouraged to attend both PIC meetings.
- Displays should be visual.
- There should be display maps of the properties.
- A display board outlining what is permitted on each property was suggested (ex. hunting, fishing, ATVs, etc).
- In order to get feedback from residents, it was suggested that various coloured dots and maps of properties be provided at the meeting. Each coloured dot would represent an activity (ex. ATVs, fishing, hunting, camping, etc). Residents would be asked to place dots on the properties they would like to see certain activities.
- There should be a comment sheet with each property available.
- The Community Forest Business Plan should be available at the PIC meetings.

The Sub-Committee decided against the dot system since it would not accurately reflect the representation of all residents. The Sub-Committee agreed to proceed in a more general sense and get feedback on the County Forest Recreation Use Policy and not concentrate on individual properties. All suggestions should be made in writing.

c) Review: Appendix E – Sample Permit.

Facilities and Fleet Manager, Jamie Dickey.

The Sub-Committee reviewed the sample permit attached to the Agenda and agreed to use the permit as Appendix E in the County Forest Recreation Use Policy.

iii) Review: DRAFT Theft of Trees in Community Forest Policy - deferred to a future meeting.

Facilities and Fleet Manager, Jamie Dickey.

iv) Update: Tender to Harvest Timber on the Hands Property (verbal) – deferred to spring.

Facilities and Fleet Manager, Jamie Dickey.
v) Update: Ownership of Forest Use Agreements - 
**deferred to a future meeting.**
Facilities and Fleet Manager, Jamie Dickey.

vi) Review: Accessibility to the Pigeon Lake Property (verbal) – 
**deferred to a future meeting.**
Facilities and Fleet Manager, Jamie Dickey.

vii) Update: Eastern Ontario Model Forest /Forest Stewardship Certification Signs.
Facilities and Fleet Manager, Jamie Dickey.

   a) Costing for Maps to be Erected Beside the Signs.

   The locations of the signs were discussed. One sign will be displayed near the County Public Works or Administration Buildings. Two suggested locations were made for County Road 511:
   - entrance of the Baird Property
   - Lanark Highlands Municipal Office

   The Sub-Committee agreed that the second sign would be erected near the Lanark Highlands Municipal Office on County Road 511 and more signs could be ordered in the future if necessary.

viii) Update: Trail Development Policy between the County and the Local Municipalities.
Facilities and Fleet Manager, Jamie Dickey.

   J. Dickey has contacted other Counties and was unable to find any similar agreements. J. Dickey will continue his research and contact other municipalities to see if they have addressed this issue.

ix) Update: Metroland Newspaper’s Request for a Yearly Forest Project.
**Stewardship Council Coordinator, Jeff Ward.**

   J. Ward has contacted Metroland Newspaper and gave them an overview of the Stewardship Council Projects. There is no tree planting at present. Metroland Newspaper was looking at doing a spring clean-up type of project. J. Ward will keep in contact with Metroland Newspapers and notify them of any potential future projects.

x) Update: Reply Letter to the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalist (MVFN) and Jim Bendell Regarding the Whip-Poor-Will Newsletter.
**Councillors Susan Freeman and Bruce Horlin.**

   Staff will forward a copy of the newsletter to Councillors S. Freeman and B. Horlin in order to draft a reply.
8. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS (CONT’D)

Please see page 3 of the Minutes for items (i) and (ii).

iii) Update: Round Garden Accessible Trail (verbal).

Councillor Susan Freeman.

Councillor S. Freeman, S. Allan, Director of Public Works and W. Crain, Crains’ Construction Ltd had a meeting and W. Crain has agreed to support the construction of the Accessible Trail. Crains’ Construction Ltd will assist in recruiting Contractors and donations for the project. The goal is to have the Trail built by the fall of 2008.

iv) Forest Media Release.

The Sub-Committee discussed the benefits of combining the Eastern Ontario Model Forest /Forest Stewardship Certification media release with proactive information regarding the forest projects to date. The Sub-Committee acknowledged the importance of residents hearing the good things the Sub-Committee has accomplished following the Business Plan set out by Council. J. Dickey will incorporate both media releases.

v) Red Pine Demonstration.

Mississippi Valley Conservation, Brian Anderson.

B. Anderson presented a slice of wood from a red pine tree. The circular outlines within the piece of wood demonstrates the growth of the tree during its life span. The first eighteen 18 years of life shows good growth while the last twelve (12) years shows noticeable decrease in growth. B. Anderson distributed a handout further explaining density management – attached, page 16.

9. NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 12th, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 7:05 p.m. on motion by Warden B. Fletcher and J. Ward.

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To:
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Re: Community Forests : Request for Five-Year Moratorium on cutting Natural Stands

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Friends of Community Forests of Lanark County request a five-year moratorium on cutting the near-old-growth forests to enable "The Friends" to carry out a consolidated professional study of the many values of these forests before decisions are made on the highest and best use of these lands to the future the County. This request is being made:

1) Because short and long term tourism and recreational potential will be undermined by cutting. A timbering plan is being considered by the County at its meeting soon. This timbering plan very narrowly focusses on values of wood alone. Also, the cutting plan is the first of a series of such five-year plans so will set in motion the systematic logging of all County owned natural forest parcels, thus seriously undermining and threatening their development for outdoor recreation, biodiversity enhancement, nature preservation and tourism initiatives. Lanark County is supporting the development of a Tourism Plan. It is not logical to destroy the very bases of quality outdoor recreation.

2. Because promoting Lanark County as a Hewer of Wood Makes no Sense. It makes no sense in promoting Lanark County as a hewer of wood when far better imaginative/economic uses of these forests are at hand. Many lumber commodities today, when adjusted for inflation, are lower than annual average prices during the recession years of 1981 and 1991.

3. Because Plantations are being neglected and Dollars lost. One of the many serious deficiencies of the Business Plan for Lanark County Forests is the neglect of the management of the several thousand acres of Red Pine plantations. It appears imprudent to begin logging the healthy and increasingly valuable natural forests when, every single year, significant financial losses are being incurred and will increasingly be incurred because of a failure to give priority attention to the Red Pine plantations. It makes good forestry and economic sense to address (i.e. thin according. to MNR protocol) all Red Pine plantations before considering any natural forested blocks for their (limited) timber values
What The Friends of Community Forests are Proposing.

We are prepared to undertake a three to five year evaluation and assessment of ecological and biological diversity, recreation and tourism potential and the health values of the community forests. A very large part of the work will be volunteer.

We will need to search for funding to support these studies. We'll need a coordinator to organize the field effort and prepare the final report. We plan to visit all areas, to describe and assess their values and carry out basic inventories of ecological features, plants and animals of all the 38 parcels. Such a study has never been done.

We propose to develop a numerical quantitative assessment of each parcel of Community Forest in the context of characteristics and location of neighboring properties, distance to towns, etc. This technique is similar to that developed for Ontario’s robust Wetland Evaluation systems. Similar systems have been developed and successfully applied to risk assessment of wetlands in the Rideau River catchment and the assessing relative values of Canada’s National and Historic Sites.

It needs to be stressed that we need a moratorium on logging the native forests. It is not possible to do an objective study of values while the best and most beautiful trees are being removed from the places that require study. The proposed study needs to be free of the value system which says that “timbering trumps all other values.” At the same time the Friends of Community Forests recognize that values of certain Community Forest parcels will be such as to justify their continued utilization for timber production.

In the long term the Friends of Lanark County Community Forests want to create a county-wide system of nature sanctuaries that could include adjoining private and crown lands and provide a system of nature and other trails. Having such sanctuaries in place is one thing, but as the name implies these protected areas are for the community and so promotion of these areas through tourism initiatives is also important.

Finally, we are requesting your authorization to undertake this study. As these lands belong to the County, such an authorization will enable us to seek the significant funds required so as to ensure a fully professional study.

Several organizations in Lanark County have already indicated their support for the above noted study.

Yours truly,

Ted Mosquin

Ted Mosquin and Bobby Clarke
On behalf of Friends of Community Forests of Lanark County

cc. Mark Burnham, Chair MVC
Paul Lehman, General Manager