



Wilmot Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 21, 2022 Time: 4:30pm

Place: Activities Room, Wilmot Recreation Complex

Present: Andrew Bearinger, Deanna Dakin, Jenn Pfenning, Rob Feick, Sandy Jackson, Andrew Martin

Regrets: Graydon Peppler, Jeff Gerber

1. The Territorial Acknowledgement was read by Sandy Jackson
2. There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.
3. Minutes of the June 15, 2022 meeting were accepted with no changes.
4. Reprioritize 10+ year projects within the Trails Master Plan (carry over from last meeting)

ACTION 1: Committee to email comments to S. Jackson and A. Martin before October 24.

5. New priorities and budget asks

S. Jackson highlighted that the projects to be identified for the 2023 budget are:

- Trails Master Plan update
- Andreas Pfenning Nature Preserve – parking lot, boardwalk, and signage
- Boardwalk replacement under Highway 7/8

The committee had a discussion about ideas for additional consideration in the trails master plan update and the next term of the committee including the following:

- Trails within settlement area parks – New Dundee, St. Agatha, Mannheim, Petersburg
- Nafziger Road on road improvements to provide connections to trails north and south of the railway both east and west of Nafziger including boulevard trails, pedestrian refuge, and speed limit reductions

- Opportunities for partnerships with groups such as Let's Tree Wilmot for tree planting and tree and plant species education signage
- Include active transportation routes and active transportation plans into updated document
- Trail on south side of Christner Road link existing Christner trail to Andreas Pfenning Nature Preserve trails
- Consider waterways as part of the updated plan including destinations along the water, signage, and additional identification of public access opportunities.

6. Committee terms of reference

ACTION 2: Committee to review terms of reference and provide comments to S. Jackson and A. Martin before October 24.

- Items discussed as areas of consideration
 - Promote organization of trails days, community involvement in trails etc.
 - Identify what has worked and what hasn't worked with the committee
 - Consider whether a member of council should be the chair of the committee or not
 - Consider whether a member of committee should be the secretary of the committee or whether that should continue to be staff
 - Consider whether there are sufficient staff resources allocated to the committee
 - Define expectations for member attendance
 - Consider how many people should be on the committee

7. No other business was discussed.

8. Next Meeting TBD

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm