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## HERITAGE TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**June 21, 2023, 1:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Rick Meloen, Tony Chisholm, Cheryl Morris, Rick Coyne, Wendy Cheropita - Councillor

Members Absent: Fred Sentineal

Staff Present: Kevin Turcotte - Manager Parks & Recreation, Cheryl Lootsma - Administrative Assistant Operations

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rick Meloen called the meeting to order 1:02 P.M.

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chair Rick Meloen moved that the agenda be adopted.

**Approved.**

### **3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflict of interests

### **4. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Chair Rick Meloen moved that the previous minutes be approved.

**Approved.**

#### **4.1 May 17, 2023**

### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations were made.

### **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chair Tony Chisholm provided update on interpretive signs, moving forward, intend to be ready for September release.

Kevin Turcotte advised there are temporary signs being installed for Pollinator Gardens.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **8. BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Community Engagement**

- Kevin Turcotte provided overview and update on trail design for Phase 2.
- Funding of \$60,400 and Fund-Raising efforts of \$33,500 received for Phase 2.
- Area of trail will run from East West Line to Line 1 (hopeful to push to Line 3).
- 2.56km to be rehabilitated, longest section of trail to date.
- Mid-July is target to host Phase 2 Community Engagement.

### **8.2 Pollinator Gardens**

- Chair Rick Meloen provided an update on Pollinator Gardens.
- Gave mention and is thankful to all the planting that has occurred for the gardens.
- Trees donated by TD Bank have tree guards which need to be removed.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Networking & Fund Raising Initiatives**

- Councillor Cheropita discussed her intentions for fund raising and forging connections for the Trail.
- Scheduled to meet with a local developer.
- Also meeting with a Bruce Trail board member, so as to foster engagement and inspire possible volunteers.
- Provided overview of an event she attended, hosted by Niagara Geopark. There would be value in a possible partnership as they have similar goals as the Heritage Trail.

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**10.1 July 21, 2023 @ 1:00 P.M.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rick Meloen moved to adjourn meeting at 1:22 P.M.

**Approved.**