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GEORGIAN TRAIL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES

June 26, 2014

A. Call to Order

PRESENT: Keith Hull, Kevin Lloyd, Bob Gamble, Janet Findlay, James McIntosh

OTHERS: Shawn Everitt, Wendy Martin, Rod Willis & Sharon Long

ABSENT: Lynda Stephens, Joe Halos, Don DeGrandis.

- Chair Keith Hull called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

B. Deputation

N/A

C. Business Arising From the Minutes

C.1 Containers on Georgian Trail – Shawn Everitt confirmed they have been removed. Murray Harvey will take a look at the area on his inspection.

Shawn Everitt advised that staff has contacted the operator and advised that there is concern of the containers still being on the GT Property. We are reviewing the legal survey for both the container and fence. Shawn will report to the next meeting.

C.2 Discussion on Trail Counters

Shawn Everitt advised that the first of three counters have been installed at the Highway 26 intersection. Staff is having communications with Murray Knowles to have the remaining two installed with staff being on hand for future installs. What is the wish of the Board for updates to traffic numbers?

Wendy Martin asked about the source box and Shawn Everitt asked the Association if they would be interested.

Kevin Lloyd as if they would be permanent. Shawn Everitt confirmed they would move around every month or two.

Kevin advised that the Town of Collingwood has 2 counters.

Shawn advised that he will get a demonstration and confirmed that the software will generate reports.

Keith Hull advised that Lindsay does a good job for the Town of Collingwood and prepares annual reports for Council. Keith advised the only concern he has is that all the data collected and the software is loaded on Lindsay's computer and it cannot be backed up onto the Town server.

Moved by: Kevin Lloyd Seconded by: Janet Findlay

THAT Murray Knowles purchase two more boxes at an approximate cost of \$20.00 each, CARRIED

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: James McIntosh

THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains house the software for the Trail Counters, CARRIED

Shawn Everitt will send out an e-mail to the Board of Management once the counters have been installed.

C.3 Dead Poplar Tree in Collingwood

Wendy Martin will look after removal of the tree.

Rod Willis advised that across from Lambe's there are a few poplar trees and he will look after removal of them.

D. Treasurer's Report

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: James McIntosh

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

KPMG, LLP	\$1,836.25
Town of Collingwood	2,599.00
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	\$4,435.25, CARRIED

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: Kevin Lloyd

THAT the recommendations for the meeting of July 11, 2014 where attendance did not meet quorum status are hereby approved as recorded, CARRIED

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: James McIntosh

THAT the annual budget showing expenditures of \$62,300.00 be hereby approved and that invoices be issued to the partnering municipalities for the 2014 levy with sharing ratios based on the December 2013 assessments be as follows:

The Blue Mountains – 40.6%	\$23,263.80
Town of Collingwood – 39.9%	22,862.70
Municipality of Meaford – 19.5%	11,173.50
Association	5,000.00
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	\$62,300.00, CARRIED

The Board of Management discussed the proposed budget for 2015.

Kevin Lloyd questioned the trestle bridge in Thornbury and questioned money that we could receive. Kevin suggested that we contact Kelly Leitch and Jim Wilson to help us out to source out some funds.

Keith Hull advised there is an election this year and asked the members if they wished to wait until next year to deal with the trestle bridge.

Shawn Everitt advised that this Board has the knowledge and suggested that this Board should deal with it if they can.

Keith suggested that 3 staff work with the Treasurer to see what is doable and suggested the possibility of adding something into the 2015 budget for this item. Keith suggested that the sub-committee be set up and we get this matter in front of Council in September or October before the election.

Bob Gamble thought getting Council approval this year was a good idea.

Bob confirmed that the Bud Powell bridge in Collingwood was \$300,000.00.

Moved by: Bob Gamble

Seconded by: Kevin Lloyd

THAT Keith Hull Chair a sub-committee contain James McIntosh and Bob Gamble for the trestle bridge and work with staff to make suggestions on repairs and source out funding for preservation/replacement of the trestle bridge in The Blue Mountains, CARRIED

E. Other Business

E.1 The Blue Mountains

Shawn Everitt advised that he received a report of Giant Hogweed in the Lora Bay area. Community Services staff and the Weed Inspector from the By-law Department went on site shortly after the report to the specific area that the report was identified. The length of Trail from Christie Beach Side road to Peel Street was inspected with no evidence of the Giant Hogweed being located.

Shawn advised the secondary report from Associated Engineering has been completed and I expect early next week to receive the final report.

Shawn advised staff has contacted MTO to have the area that was cut last year cut again, Keri Fellows who staff worked with previously is no longer with MTO, but have made the request.

Shawn confirmed that staff continues to stay in contact Ministry of Sport & Tourism, Kellie Leitch and Jim Wilson in regards to future funding opportunities for the Georgian Trail in particular the Trestle Bridge Project.

Shawn advised that staff has taken the opportunity to try a small section of trail just east of Christie Beach, it is suggested that some grading off of vegetation allows a range of 4 inches of existing screening to a minimum of 1 inch of screening. Staff suggests the following:

- taking the section of trail from Christie Beach Side Road to Lora Bay and skimming the vegetation off the travelled portion,
- Getting 3 meter clean trail and putting a very light coating of limestone screenings on.
- Staff also suggests removing all existing trees, brush from ditches and completing a ditch cleaning. Essentially creating 4 – 5 meters of obstruction free pathway.
- Staff is also suggesting that in the fall, the trail being completely blown off by a tractor powered fan. This is currently being done on the Town's Nippissing Ridge Trail to eliminate vegetation and leaves composting on the traveled portion of trail.

Shawn confirmed that the grass cutting on the Trail has been completed and Eagles Weed Control has been contracted to complete the annual spray for Poison Ivy.

Shawn advised that access points is an ongoing discussions with staff.

Shawn asked if the goat paths are an issue and suggested they could enter into a land use agreement where we could outline proper sight lines.

Kevin Lloyd questioned the liability issue.

Shawn suggested this be addressed in the land use agreement.

Moved by: James McIntosh Seconded by: Kevin Lloyd

THAT staff prepare a policy statement with respect to Land Use Agreements for paths and bridges which are joining into the Georgian Trail, CARRIED

Shawn suggested there be a rest area every 2 kil. With a bench located every kil. Shawn advised that he has talked to Hincks Farm to clear the required.

E.2 Town of Collingwood

Wendy Martin confirmed the first cut of grass has been completed.

E.3 Municipality of Meaford

Rod Willis advised they will be doing a cut back in the St. Vincent Street area.

James McIntosh advised they are working on a Harbour Strategic Plan for the next 10-15 years.

E.4 Association

Janet Findlay advised they are buying 3 new signs for the nature project and they have donated money to the labyrinth projects in The Blue Mountains and Collingwood.

F. Next Meeting

August 13, 2014 – 4:30 p.m. – Committee Room, The Blue Mountains

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Bob Gamble

THAT the Georgian Trail Board of Management meeting adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary