

Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park
Management Advisory Board Meeting
Monday October 29, 2007

Approved Meeting Summary

PRESENT

Kim Dunford
Thomas Cole
Tom Flynn
Don LaCombe
Julia Madden

Mary Anna Zakula
Rick Meridew
Murray Kidd

David Coulas, OP
Pam Lawrence, OP

Regrets

Betty Zyvatkauskas

Meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Review and approval of meeting agenda.

Motion: To approve agenda for October 29, 2007, as complete.

Mover: Don LaCombe

Second: Murray Kidd

Carried.

Review and approval of meeting summary (September 6, 2007).

Motion: To approve the meeting summary as an accurate reflection of the meeting held on September 6th, 2007.

Mover: Tom Cole

Second: Wendy Lyttle

Carried.

Declaration of any Conflict of Interest

- Tom Flynn declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the discussion regarding a delegation request received from the Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey.

Motion: To amend agenda and discuss new business at this time.

Mover: Tom Cole

Second: Rick Meridew

Carried.

New Business

- Discussion regarding request for delegation from the Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey.
- Board would like to know what the specific issues are that will be presented. If the information provided is the same as previously submitted for the Preliminary Park Management Plan, the delegation will not be necessary.
- Organizations requesting a delegation with the Board are required to submit their presentation to the Chair and Park Superintendent for review five working days prior to the meeting.
- Reference made to page 14 of the Preliminary Park Management Plan. Point 3 – Public and Stakeholder Interests.

- There are 361+/- provincial parks that abut or reside within existing municipalities. These parks/municipalities have been able to negotiate road and emergency plans; we do not need to re-invent the wheel. This is information that we could offer back to the municipalities.

Motion: That the Management Advisory Board recommend that the Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey make a representation to the Board conditional upon a submission to the Park Superintendent/Chair five working days before the scheduled meeting of the issues to be discussed. Numbers should be restricted to the number of elected officials. Date of meeting to be determined. No cap on time for presentation.

Mover: Tom Cole

Seconded: Rick Meridew

Carried.

Letter to EI Subcommittee

- Board has not communicated well with subcommittees. The Board needs to apologize for this.
- Change the mandate of this group as more of a peer support group for the Ontario Parks biologist.
- A Board member needs to take on the responsibility of the management of this subcommittee.
- Rick, Julia and Wendy to draft the letter to the EI subcommittee.

Motion: To send a letter to the EI subcommittee, as discussed, expressing our appreciation for their services to date. Bring them up-to-date on where we are in the process and that the Ontario Parks biologist, requiring their expertise, is not available at this time. The Board will require their assistance in the future and will keep them informed. Indicate that short-term role will be a peer review group and define “peer review” in the letter.

Moved: Tom Cole

Seconded: Murray Kidd

Carried.

Roads/Trails Subcommittee

- Existing trails reviewed – more information received at the Open Houses.
- Trail user ethics discussed. Ontario Parks will provide existing examples.
- Mountain biking discussed.
- Philosophical approach to the trail map. There are pockets of land in the park where there is no human impact, these areas should be protected. Existing trails can be used.
- New member on the subcommittee.
- Next meeting will be held on January 9th or 16th
- Letter is being prepared to be sent to LUP holders with trail maps for review as part of their LUP renewal.
- Permits, trail maintenance also discussed.
- Conservation Officer currently investigating upgrade of a trail. This work was done without a permit.

Motion: To receive the verbal update provided for the roads/trails subcommittee.

Mover: Don LaCombe

Seconded: Wendy Lyttle

Carried.

Chair Update

- Preliminary Park Management Plan (PPMP) has to be built on – full Charter has to be reflected in final plan.

Motion: To accept the chair update.

Mover: Tom Flynn

Secunder: Mary Anna Zakula

Carried.

Superintendent Update

- Recommend that the Board introduce itself to the new Minister of Natural Resources.
- Ontario Trails Council has requested a meeting with the Board. Topics for discussion would include trail usage, trail ethics, etc.
- Attended the Buckhorn Tourism meeting. This is an existing group waiting to provide assistance.
- Open Houses attendance – East side - 161, West side - 230 +
- Have received sixteen – twenty group submissions regarding the PPMP for Kawartha Highlands, i.e. OFAH, Stakeholder Groups of the Kawartha Highlands, etc. Mountain biking form letter petition also received – 400 +.
- During the moose hunt visited six hunt camps in the north part of the park. Some issues discussed, i.e., permitting of motorized vehicles, how will this be addressed; hunting issue – majority of hunters did not support proposed regulation change – they were concerned about safety. The hunters feel privileged to be able to continue to hunt in this area.
- Staffing – Ontario Parks biologist is on hiatus, Systems Officer is in the office two days per week. Monique RolfvondenBaumen-Clark, District Manager, Bancroft District will be leaving mid November.
- Will be meeting with the Mountain Biking Association to discuss their concerns about mountain biking, i.e., safety, conflicts on trails, etc.
- Attended SGKH meeting on October 1st. Received a lot of good questions, comments and have received a formal submission regarding the Preliminary Park Management Plan.
- Time lines –
 - Wrap-up of the Class Environmental Assessment Report on the access roads
 - * Target – winter 2007/08
 - Final Management Plan
 - * Target – Summer 2008
- The Board would like adequate time to review the final Management Plan.

Motion: To accept the superintendent update.

Mover: Tom Flynn

Secunder: Don Lacombe

Carried.

Motion: To go into caucus.

Mover: Don LaCombe

Secunder: Mary Anna Zakula

Carried.

Motion: To come out of caucus.

Mover: Tom Flynn

Secunder: Don LaCombe

Next Meeting: Wednesday December 12, 2007

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45