

Haldimand County – Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024; 4:00 – 6:00 pm; Haldimand Room

Participants: Dan Lawrence (Councillor), Dan McKay, John Pack (Chair), Lloyd Rollinson, Sheldon Simpson (Vice-Chair), Bill Stoneman
Regrets: Brian Dixon
County Staff: Katrina Schmitz (Manager, CDP), Jacqueline Clark (Administrative Assistant, CDP)

1. Call to Order

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest and General Nature Thereof

No conflicts were declared.

3. Review & Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by D. McKay and seconded by B. Stoneman.

4. Review & Acceptance of Minutes (April 24, 2024)

It was moved by D. McKay and seconded by B. Stoneman to accept the minutes as presented.

5. Presentation (in person) – Potential Development of ATV Trails in Haldimand County

President of Quad Niagara ATV Club Tracy-Lynn Bell was scheduled to present to the Committee; however, a last-minute family emergency while travelling to the meeting meant she was unable to attend. Her presentation will be re-scheduled.

6. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

7. Staff Update

7.1 VIMA 360 Information – Mapping of County Trails

Staff provided an update regarding this ‘point of view’ mapping service which the County is considering accessing to help promote trails. Members had the following questions:

- Will the amenities at/on each trail be listed?
- Will the information about Haldimand’s trails be available on YouTube or through Google?
- Who are some of the clients you use this service (municipal or otherwise)?
- Are the maps updated and how often? Cost?
- Have other services been investigated (e.g. Back Road Maps, All Trails)?

7.2 Trails Master Plan Strategy – Tender Update

Staff provided an update regarding the preparation of the tender. L. Rollinson asked about ensuring the County’s Capital Budget doesn’t get ahead of the TMP (e.g. Mines Road work).

- 7.3 Hagersville Library & Active Living Centre
Staff provided an update regarding the project, which broke ground in August.
- 7.4 Community & Recreation Facilities Strategy
Staff provided an update regarding the project, including the fact community input regarding the draft strategy and recommendations could be provided to County staff until September 20. The final report will be presented to Council in December.
- 7.5 Trails Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
Staff provided an update regarding the drafting of the new Terms of Reference. Clerks Division staff will likely attend the next meeting to review the new materials.
- 7.6 Reminder of 2024 Meeting Schedule:

Date	Time
Wednesday, October 30, 2024	4:00-6:00 pm
Wednesday, November 27, 2024 – Christmas	4:00-6:00 pm

8. New/Other Business

Committee members discussed some specific areas of concern associated with cyclist safety on the on-road trails:

- Was the Caistorville to Smithville connection completed in 2024 with a .5 metre paved shoulder?
- Do the Caithness Street traffic calming bollards comply with the Book 8/Ontario Traffic Manual guidelines?
It was moved by L. Rollinson and seconded by J. Pack to ask Engineering Services to review the section of road between Robert Gordon and McClung Roads to ensure the safe passage of all users is considered in traffic calming measures.
- There are concerns about safety on County Road 17 between Jarden and Burke Sideroads given the number of accidents. Has an Engineering Services review of that area ever been done?
- In Caledonia, the condition of trails in the Avalon development is a concern (washouts, invasive brush and growth). Could this be addressed?
- Could County staff provide a future update regarding the bridge connecting Avalon with the downtown.

9. Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 30, 2024; 4:00-6:00 pm; Haldimand Room & Zoom

10. Adjournment

It was moved by L. Rollinson and seconded by B. Stoneman to adjourn the meeting.