

COCO Meeting Notes

September 25, 2019

Held at the Lakeside Community Centre, hosted by BLT Rails To Trails Association

Present:

BLT Residents Association, Bob Angus

Community Consultation Committee (CCC), Bob Angus

HRM Recreation Centre, Peter Jollimore

Western Commons Advisory Committee, Shirley Jollimore, Chair

SMATVA clubhouse, Head of St. Margaret's Bay, Mike Marriott

FBWHT, Mike Marriott

St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association (SMBSA), Mike Lancaster

BLT Rails To Trails Association, Karen Jensen, Chaired the Meeting

BLT Rails To Trails Association, Lorenda Estabrooks, Secretary

BLT Rails To Trails Association, Terry Adshade, Nordic Pole Instructor & Event Co-ordinator

BLT Rails To Trails Association, David Banks

BLT Residents Association>Bob Angus

- Represents 11 Associations. There are 3 that are not, Lakeside, Sheldrake, and Governor's Glen.
- They received over \$23,300. From HRM and our Councilor Richard Zurawski to provide a sign for each Subdivision that lights up at night when car headlights are shone upon it.
- They put on a Community Food Truck Fest next to Guardian Drugs on Friday, September 13, 2019 4-8pm. Attendance was 3,000 people and they ran out of food. They will have the next one in August 2020.

Community Consultation Committee (CCC)>Bob Angus

- As a member of our Community Consultation Committee (CCC), we held a Community Barbecue at the Lakeside Community Recreation Centre in June 2019 where the residents gave many suggestions what they want at the new Recreation Centre. Bob passed around 3 pages of suggestions to view.

- The CCC meets monthly

HRM Recreation Centre>Peter Jollimore

- He mentioned that 5 years ago, money was given to buy binoculars for Bird Watching, and was wondering what happened to this. We thought that because of the increased volume of the trail, the birds have been chased away.
- Peter also asked about Nordic Pole walking and met Terry Adshade, who is a Nordic Pole Instructor. He said that there was a grant for a Seniors Lending program 10 years ago.
- Peter said one can go to halifax.ca and fill out a budget and create participatory awareness to express your view.

Western Commons Advisory Committee>Shirley Jollimore (Chair)

- We have been trying to build a Western Common Trail. Originally, we were planning to have 2 bridges, but now are considering only having one 40 ft bridge as they are so expensive. A “Ballpark” number of \$150,000. has been thrown out by Parks and Recreation staff based on what consultant engineers have said they need.

SMATVA>Mike Marriott

- 350 members
- Have been busy since Hurricane Dorian, fixing St. Margaret’s Bay trail, helping with washouts on the trail \$10,000.
- The St. Margaret’s Bay Trail needs a \$30,000. bridge.
- We put all the routes onto GPS and are putting signage up to signify where the routes are.
- Maps for sale \$8.00-\$10.00
- We have paid for the printing of the maps and the project has taken 4 years. It will eventually be online.

FBWHT>Mike Marriott

- On Saturday, September 28, 2019, approximately 800 Cyclists will be on the trail for the Ride for Cancer, fundraiser for QEII.

St. Margaret’s Bay Stewardship Association (SMBSA)>Mike Lancaster

- Mike spoke on Allyssa Poulin’s behalf, about Friends of Duncan Cove, because of the Media exposure of the area, it has suffered.
- Ingram River Wilderness Area – 10,000 hectares of protected land
- Mike has been working with Mike Marriott and in July, CBC did an article on it and the reporter was blown away with the beauty of the land.

- Half of this land is over 125 years old, he's hoping to keep it protected. So far, MicMac Forestry Initiative and Bike n' bean are supporting him and he's hoping to get more support.
- They have had 2 canoe sessions there.

BLT Rails To Trails Association>Karen Jensen

- The repair of Cranberry Lake is completed. We put in a bridge. Mike Lancaster helped keep people off the trail while the work was being done. He said there were still 38 people on the trail with the closure and the contractor was upset as it was a safety concern.
- Our upcoming projects are grading of the trail and repair the mural on the trail.

BLT Rails To Trails Association>Terry Adshade

- The BLT School changed their date of their Spring Fling 3 years ago so that they are now on the same day as our International Trails Day on which we have a walk/run and a free community barbecue. They will not change it, so we may have to change our date. A possibility is to have our event on a Sunday instead of on a Saturday.

BLT Rails To Trails Association>David Banks

- David says the Bayers Lake Trail (Vision 20/20) which is across from Clarke Transport has recently vanished from Google Maps. He wants to find out who owns the trail; he is going to contact Erich Klefenz.

Next meeting will be in November at the Prospect Community Centre, Date to be announced.

Minutes were submitted by Lorenda Estabrooks