



MINUTES
MILNE PATHWAY WORKING GROUP
2012-01-23
Meeting No. 1

Attendance

Members:

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Councillor Carolina Moretti
Councillor Colin Campbell

Staff:

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Dereje Tafesse, Capital Works Engineering
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Working Group Members:

Tupper Wheatley
Al Pickard
Philip Ling (Markham Environmental Advisory
Committee)
Donna Dougan
Gordon Walter (Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory
Committee)
Ian Faulds

Others:

Suzanne Bevan, Toronto and Region
Conservation Authority
Steve Joudrey, Toronto and Region
Conservation Authority
Brad Stephens, Toronto and Region
Conservation Authority
Jay Cranstone, MMM Group
Jeff Warren, MMM Group

The Milne Pathway Working Group meeting convened at 7:11 PM with Councillor Carolina Moretti in the Chair.

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

There were brief round table introductions.

The Chair welcomed everyone and briefly explained the purpose of tonight's meeting.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION, PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering distributed a copy of the June 23, 2009 Council extract regarding the Milne Dam Conservation Area - Multi-Use Pathways and provided some background information.

Jay Cranstone, MMM Group delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed multi-use pathway from Toogood Pond to Bob Hunter Park. It included the multi-use pathway process and proposed recommendations pertaining to the Milne Dam Conservation Area.

Jeff, MMM Group delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Ecological Land Classification (ELC) Communities and habitat areas.

The Working Group discussed and suggested the following:

- Advantages of using existing service access roads where possible within the Milne Dam Conservation Area
- Only consider "yellow" and "blue" options
- Remove "red" option
- On road route versus a route remaining within the park
- Will the entrances from Drakefield and Willowgate remain if the blue option is used
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) prefer the yellow option
- If go with the blue option then the entire area to the north can be regenerated
- Path width would need to be narrower (less than 2 metres in width)
- With yellow option - how do you maintain the pathway that is accessible and at the same time regenerate the area
- Ensure the habitat areas within the park are protected
- Importance of defining the edges the of the pathway
- Accessibility issues - need to outline where the pathway is accessible and where it is not
- Ensure TRCA comments are included for both the yellow and blue options when presenting to the public and Committee
- More discussion is needed regarding parking issues

The Working Group suggested that another meeting be scheduled to deal with Section G.

ADJOURNMENT

The Milne Pathway Working Group meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.