

**Merrickville-Wolford Trails Subcommittee**  
**(to be followed immediately by MDTS Executive meeting)**

**Agenda for meeting #3:**

**May 8th, 2014, Council Chambers, 7 pm to 9 pm**

This is a conjoint meeting with the Recreational Advisory Committee, to be co-chaired by  
John Mundy and Rhys Knott

1. **Call to order, and Declaration of conflicts of interest**
2. **Agenda: coordinate the agenda with that of the Recreational Advisory Committee**
3. **Approval of actions summary from last meeting (March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014) (attached)**
4. **Exchanges with the RAC**
  - a. **Discussion of MDTS Priorities for 2014 and report to RAC/Council (see attached final report), and coordination with the RAC and other community stakeholders**
    - i. **Funding update from MDTS:**
      - Rideau Valley Health Services have approved an unconditional grant of \$3000 to the MDTS for Trails development
      - Joann Helmer is leading our funding strategy development, for further funding (JH, Fred M)
    - ii. **Participation in community approach to development of the Fairgrounds and adjacent areas**
      - **General discussion( Rhys, John) to start planning and actions**
        - see attached communication from Mme Bégin from École Sainte-Marguerite- Bourgeoys
    - iii. **Wetlands Trail: permissions and final design, seek funding. (Masterplan trail activity #2) ( John , Fred M, Anne T)**
      - any further discussion of name change from “Bird Sanctuary” ?
      - Renew trails material and prepare Wetlands Trail presentation for discussions and presentations, including
        - i. Council
        - ii. Permissions from various authorities (to be officially sought directly by Council)
        - iii. Funding agencies
        - iv. open house in June
        - v. the ECO fair 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May
        - vi. other opportunities
      - next steps

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5. **Woodland Toboggan-Hill loop: complete footpath and other improvements, including signage, throughout in 2014 (*Masterplan trail activity #1*) (Rod)**
  - a. Update on work plan from Rod
    - i. we have enough materials to start, but still need to sort out machine support
    - ii. what needs to be done /prepared before going further?
  - b. Planned first work days
    - i. any progress or further thoughts on seeking further volunteers for intensive work bees, e.g. youth groups, schools
  
6. **Updates as appropriate for other 2014 priorities**
  - a. **Explore new trail possibilities** with Montague Township, and build a relationship (*Masterplan trail activity # 7*) (Fred G)
  
  - b. **Continue to actively support the protected and secure cycling paths initiative, both close to the Village , and throughout the counties (*Master Plan trail activity #4a and #4b*)** ( Denis)
  
  - c. **Develop (and start to implement) a communications strategy to improve community awareness of facilities and activities, and to facilitate and increase participation (*Masterplan ongoing support activities #1,#2,#3,#4*)** ( All)
  
  - d. **Administrative issues** (Terms of reference of this sub committee: still to be formalized; Filing and archiving of MWTSC material) (Tim )- deferred to a next meeting
  
7. **Other business**
  
8. **Summary of important actions from this meeting**
  
9. **Propose meeting dates and times for MWTSC for August and November 2014**
  
10. **Adjournment**

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**Merrickville District Trails Society Executive (to follow MWTSC business)**

**1. Next AGM**

- a. name planning committee now for next AGM, and fix date
- b. need complete review and early planning for next AGM re: very low attendance at AGM Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**2. Updates not covered in MWTSC meeting**

- a. Limerick Forest
- b. Others

**3. Other work plans for 2014: leaders and plans**

- a. Montague township outreach: who will lead (would Fred G consider continuing this?)

**4. Brochures:**

- a. What purpose do brochures serve, what are the annual needs, what should be the distribution policy?
- b. Update on redesign of maps and brochure

**5. Web site:** strategy to make it functional – deferred as Gwendy is away

**6. Other business**

**7. Next meeting of MDTS executive :** can we schedule a meeting for last half of June?

T. Allen