

**Action Summary, Merrickville-Wolford Trails Sub Committee (MWTSC),
April 20th, 2017 at 930 am at the MDCHC**

Attendees: Anne Tener, Doug Struthers, Fred McFarland, Tim Allen. **Regrets:** Joann Helmer

1. The meeting was opened at 940 am, and agenda was approved
2. **Comments on action summary/minutes of Dec 8th, 2017 meeting:** none
3. **Communications and follow up**
 - a. **from Council:**
 - i. We noted that Anne Barr has presented a motion to reconsider the pertinence of a Trails Committee, and will await developments with interest.
 - ii. Request to submit our input to the proposed operational plan, using the template : see below
 - iii. Trails development in Merrickville Estates: see below
 - b. **from RAC:** attendance at their regular meeting on April 11th. Strong support, continue to work together, no conflicts perceived, positive react to draft input for operational plan submission. Particularly interested in all that will improve road safety for all users, and in promoting the active involvement of community groups (e.g. guides, scouts) in the Trails.

Strive to continue to improve regular exchange of information. We received the minutes of the April 11 meeting shortly after our meeting – they are attached, for the record.

Note to file: Doug suggested that our information package on Trails could also be useful for orientation of new Council and new committee members – the start of new mandates tends to be overwhelming, so orientation information can be very helpful.
 - c. **from Friends of Limerick Forest:** about 200 people attended the Open House in March, in spite of not very favourable weather
4. **Operational plan input from Trails :** the attached document was approved, as a working document, ready for submission and integration. There will be future opportunities to fill in gaps (a living document) as required.
5. **Merrickville Estates Trail proposal:** It was suggested that the text be amended to give more emphasis to the importance of resident participation and approval and buy-in from the very start of the process. Consider contacting some residents informally (e.g. the Bonham-Carters) early on. An amended document will be circulated for email approval, then submitted to the RAC for their input before we submit this to Council.
6. **Ongoing trail development and updating of Master plan:** to be first discussed at Trails Executive. Should be available for the fall.
7. **New business/projects:** none
8. **Summary of communications**
 - a. **to Council :** operational plan input on Trails involvement , using template
 - b. **to RAC:** revised concept proposal on Estates Trail for any comments or input before submitting to Council.
 - c. **to others:** none
9. **Next meeting:** to be determined later – likely in September
10. **Meeting adjournment** (the MDTS executive meeting follows immediately) : the meeting was adjourned at 1020 am.

Tim Allen, Chair