

## **Lake Gibson Corridor Preservation Task Force Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 (by Zoom)

Present: Joe Atkinson, Mickey DiFruscia, Marsha Kilby-Coppola, Mike Schofield, Tony Vandermaas, City Councillor Fred Neale;

Regrets: Sarah Head

Mgr. of Planning D. Landry expressed regrets that she would not be able to attend

1. Call to order: 5:20 p.m. by Chair Tony Vandermaas
2. Adoption of agenda: Request by M. DiFruscia that discussion of a request for an osprey nest be included. Moved by M. Schofield, Seconded by J. Atkinson
3. Adoption of Minutes of April 18, 2021
4. No Declaration of Interest
5. Committee Business
  - a) Business arising from the minutes – mapping: Discussion of lengthy wait for mapping, motion to refer to Thorold City Council below.
  - b) Decew Road Trail report: the task force was informed that the Merrittville Highway to DeCew House Heritage Park section of the Decew Multi-Use Trail was completed in August and that a pedestrian count showed 23,236 with 12,075 in and 11,161 out.
  - c) The Task force was informed that staff are working out details for the balance of the trail and a report will go to Council to be considered in for the 2022 budget.
  - d) Possible DeCew House Heritage Park improvements: The Friends of Laura Secord have approached the City with plans to improve DeCew House Heritage Park and connecting trails.
  - e) Osprey nest: Discussion of erection of a pole and platform to attract ospreys resulting in motion below.

### 6. Round table

M. Kilby-Coppola requested that the City be notified to see if something can be done about the garbage in the water by the boardwalk in Mel Swart/Lake Gibson Conservation Area.

### 7. Adjournment: 6:10 p.m.

Items referred to Council:

1. Moved by J. Atkinson, seconded by M. Schofield, that Thorold City Council be requested to direct staff to move up the priority for the mapping of the Lake Gibson Corridor to facilitate planning of the area by provision of boundary definition.

Note: Referenced motion passed by Council, June 1, 2021:

MOVED BY: Councillor Neale SECONDED BY: Councillor Sentence

THAT upon the request from the Lake Gibson Committee at its February 3, 2021 meeting and further to the report prepared by S. King Head in 2014, Council request that the Planning Department prepare updated maps identifying the physical features, cultural heritage assets of the Lake Gibson Corridor and explore having the corridor named as a conservation area. CARRIED

2. Moved by M. DiFruscia, seconded by M. Kilby-Coppola, that Thorold be requested to erect or have erected a pole and platform to accommodate a nest for ospreys, in location and as per M. DiFruscia.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Minutes recorded by T. Vandermaas

Passed December 1, 2021

Signed by Tony Vandermaas, Chair