



## **Approved Minutes – Special CCA Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 3, 2018**

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**Present:** Charity Bartlett, Kristen Bennett, Robert Brinker, Nelson Coyle, David Hoey, David Janveau, Adele Stubbert, Melanie Zahab **Guests:** Marc Brulé, Jim Winkle, Stefanzo Manzoni, OMBA reps

### **Call to Order: 7:00 pm**

1. President Charity introduced Marc Brulé, Jim Winkle and Stef Manzoni from the Ottawa Mountain Biking Association. Marc reviewed the project and presented the layout of the proposed park. He described the community consultation to date and the process with the city. In particular, he mentioned the decision by the Association to have the park built professionally as opposed to using volunteer labour.

In response to a question re liability and the proximity of the park to the hill, he said there is a setback – well back from the slope. The park is being professionally built with this liability in mind. Maintenance costs will come from donations including time by OMBA volunteers. The track is being built to minimize maintenance and to recognize safety issues. It is not like the Barrhaven track which is oriented to racing. Signage within the park is the responsibility of OMBA and outside the park, the city.

Is it going to be fenced in? No fence is better for the community, for creating a sense of responsibility by the users. It will be more accessible. Not planning lights. (Light pollution and late-night noise were issues raised by neighbours but there is a park curfew. Lights go out now, for example at ball parks at 11:00 pm.)

Trips for Kids have shown interest in helping with equipment and bikes but there was no park in time to ask for money this year. They are not sure what will happen in terms of equipment access. Maybe the children can do some volunteer work in exchange for a bike to encourage ownership.

Impact of construction – the water reservoir will let trucks use their gate off Morisset Ave. On-going they will need water to water tracks and also to water shrubbery and will install a large tank. There is a washroom in the arena and a Port-a-Potty at the ball park.

Environmental concerns regarding protected land near the site: if we build a legal area, this will reduce the need for illegal trails and jumps etc. OMBA will continue to do education. They will work hard to do more education with users. OMBA activity



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has to stay in its designated area. This will help to reduce illegal activity. CCA can push the city to put up proper signage.

A member suggested that consideration should be made to put in a port-a-potty. It was recalled that one sponsor had come forward for a community project and this might qualify. The city is paying for the potty at Harrold Place. There are no fountains - bring your own water. There are no plans for a vendor. Existing garbage cans are at the ball diamonds (access issue for city trucks to the pump track).

Remediation – the city would have to restore the area should the bike park not succeed. Nothing permanent is being installed.

Evaluation questions were available for the public to review and comment on at the public consultation, as a result questions were expanded. The city is tabulating and responding to the results but do not know when the results will be released.

Education – try to work with schools. Can it be used in the winter? Yes (with whatever use is appropriate). Likely a city issue if regulation is required.

First aid – Councillor Riley Brockington has insisted on an emergency plan as a city requirement.

There remains a worry on the part of some neighbours that the additional traffic of bikes will increase the degradation of the Environmentally Protected (EP) lands. Others felt that there is already an issue here (and elsewhere in the city) and OMBA will help to educate and bring discipline. Currently, dogs and bikes are entering the EP lands. There is missing signage – not posted.

2. OMBA representatives were thanked and left the meeting. The board considered their input.

It was moved by David Hoey, seconded by Kristen Bennett, that the Ottawa Mountain Bike Association has consulted with the CCA board and has met its obligation in the requirement of the city to consult with the CCA on the construction of the pump track. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.