

TOWN OF AURORA ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR TRAILS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, January 17, 2014 10 a.m. Council Chambers

Additional Information Re: Item 2 – Memorandum from the Manager of Parks, Re: Update on Trails and Active Transportation Related Initiatives (Attachment 2): Follow up emails from Klaus Wehrenberg to Councillor John Gallo dated January 9, 2014.

Moved by Kathryn Clark

Seconded by Deborah Latimer

THAT the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend that the follow up emails from Klaus Wehrenberg to Councillor John Gallo dated January 9, 2014 be added to the agenda to become part of the public record.

CARRIED

Notice of Motion, Klaus Wehrenberg Re: Trails Master Plan Oak Ridges Trail Alignment

Moved by Klaus Wehrenberg

Seconded by Deborah Latimer

THAT the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:

THAT the Notice of Motion regarding the Trails Master Plan's Oak Ridges Trail Alignment presented by Klaus Wehrenberg be reviewed by staff for comment at the February 21, 2014 meeting.

CARRIED

From: Klaus Wehrenberg [mailto:ecopal@rogers.com]
Sent: January-09-14 1:14 PM
To: Gallo, John (External Mail)
Cc: Thoma, Patty; Tree, Jim; Ballard, Chris; Leach, John; deborah latimer; John Clement; Kathryn Clark
Subject: Re: TATC agenda items

Hello John:

John, I was neither intending to accuse anybody of anything, nor intending to address only Patty by the 'you' which I used. It was quite clear in Patty's Email that she is talking to Jim about the agenda. However, I can see how my remarks might be taken as personal, and accusatory, and so would like to apologize for that.

The way I see it, I was stating a fact in that items can be excluded at will when no reasons are given for why requested items are left off the agenda. This really goes back to the cancelled November meeting, a meeting for which I had suggested several items, including discussion of capital budget items for trail development. That meeting, along with all of my suggested agenda items, was deemed 'NOT REQUIRED', without any explanation. That was a slap in my face! And I don't suffer such slaps well, without learning from them.

The November meeting should have been held, if for no other reason than the budget input. After never having discussed budget items up to that point - an agenda item that should have been placed on the agenda as a matter of course, by staff, in a timely fashion - the Town's capital budget was then passed without any input from the TATC.

My asking , e.g., for discussion of the design parameters for the Leslie Street underpasses, is another item that could be rendered ineffective, if the Region and the Town's Infrastructure staff agree on parameters that are lacking TATC input. Input after the fact is useless. If the item is not put on the agenda, thereby giving notice to all TATC Members to be prepared to at least discuss this issue (and I have added indicators as to why a discussion is needed), then we may again miss the boat. That will be especially true if our Members indeed find it necessary to ask for staff input/expertise, to be able to make recommendations. So a brief explanation as to why it will not surface as an agenda item, such as that it will be included on the agenda for February, and that the design for the Leslie Street re-construction project will still allow for our input, would assure me that the item will be respected, and in a timely manner. We are not in control of the timing of the design phase of the Leslie Street project, so precautionary action is very much in order.

More generally, if some report is needed before a suggested item can be put on the agenda, then a short note to that effect will suffice, perhaps adding why a prior report is needed, and for what meeting that report is expected to be available, as an explanation for delay.

But not placing a requested item on the agenda, with no explanation, that I can not swallow. Even if the item is only meant for discussion, there is a reason for why any issue goes on my list of agenda items. And if that will help, I can specify the reasons on future request lists, if the TATC agrees on that requirement.

Klaus

From: John Gallo

Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 7:13 AM

To: Klaus Wehrenberg

Cc: <u>PThoma@aurora.ca</u> ; <u>jtree@aurora.ca</u> ; <u>C Ballard</u> ; <u>JLeach@aurora.ca</u> ; <u>deborah latimer</u> ; <u>John</u> <u>Clement</u> ; <u>Kathryn Clark</u>

Subject: Re: TATC agenda items

Klaus, It is not Patty who decides to include or exclude items on the agenda. It is very unfair to accuse her of excluding items as she pleases. She is the committee secretary and puts the agendas together as directed. From her communication, Mr. Tree will be incorporating as many of the items as he can in him memo, if there are other items that have been left out, we can deal with them at the meeting as I'm sure, if they are not be part of his memo, it is because he has nothing to report and we can do as you suggest and have a general discussion and make a decision at the meeting on how to proceed.

Thanks,

John Gallo Councillor - Town Of Aurora jgallo@aurora.ca



NOTICE OF MOTION

Klaus Wehrenberg

- Date: January 17, 2014
- To: Trails And Active Transportation Committee

From: Klaus Wehrenberg

Re: Trails Master Plan Oak Ridges Trail Alignment

WHEREAS considering that the Oak Ridges Trail Corridor between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street is intended to be located along the southern edge of the property that is now being considered for an Eco Park as per the planning map of the Aurora Trails Master Plan; and

WHEREAS the trail has already been accommodated along the south edge of the same survey lot, in a 750 meter right-of-way which runs westerly from Leslie Street, and will be accommodated on a trail corridor which was set out in the Strawbridge Farm development, which continues the Trails Master Plan alignment, west of Bayview Avenue, directly opposite; and

WHEREAS the corridor will have to be implemented in stages when opportunities arise.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:

THAT the Trails Master Plan's Oak Ridge Trail alignment be incorporated in the planned Eco Park development as set out all along the southern edge of the property, with a minimum width of six meters; and

THAT such alignment be registered against the title of the Eco Park lands as a trails right-of-way in perpetuity as a condition of approval of any version of the Eco Park proposal.