

The Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

AGENDA

Tuesday October 29, 2019

3:00pm

Municipal Office – Council Chambers

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
- C. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES; August 14, 2019**
- E. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**
 - 1. Dog Park in Mississippi Mills
- F. ROUND TABLE**
- G. REPORTS**
- H. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 1. Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority - Riverfront Estates
- I. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Adopt a Park
 - 2. Recreation Program Review
 - 3. 2020 Budget
- J. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - Tuesday November 26
- K. ADJOURNMENT**

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 14, 2019

3:00 P.m.

Municipal Office - Council Chambers

PRESENT: Rick Lotan (Chairperson)
Councilor Dalgity
Scott Newton
Terry Ainsworth
Sherryl Smith
Councilor Guerard (3:13)
Denny O'Connell

STAFF/OTHERS: Calvin Murphy- Recreation Manager
Bonnie Ostrom, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Christine Anderson

Chairperson Rick Lotan called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Denny O'Connell

Seconded by Councilor Dalgity

THAT the August 14, 2019 agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

C. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/TOURS

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 25, 2019

Moved by Councilor Dalgity

Seconded by Scott Newton

THAT the June 25, 2019 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

E. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

1. Grass cutting & grounds maintenance locations

The contractors list of grass cutting & ground maintenance locations were presented to the committee. The current contract is for two years ending 2019. It was suggested if a GPS system was implemented that an estimate of the amount of grass cutting requirements could be done in the future tenders.

2. Pakenham Trail

Questions were asked about; the amount of funding the various sponsors would be giving, accessibility requirements for the trail, agreement with the church regarding the access at the cemetery, have residents adjacent to the proposed trail been notified.

All things will be address but without support for the concept from the committee/council then the project would not move forward.

Moved by Denny O'Connell

Seconded by Sherryl Smith

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee support the concept of the Pakenham Trail and recommends the working group make a presentation to Council.

CARRIED

F. ROUND TABLE

- Video Surveillance Policy – the policy was passed by Council on August 13. The cameras have been installed at the Gemmill Park splashpad washrooms. They will now be activated and training will follow for the assigned staff.
- Riverwalk Extension - extension to the Riverwalk by the ORPC has been completed. A bench will be installed shortly.
- 2020 Budget - first draft is due by September 16. There is a capital plan already in place for the next ten years.
- Stewart Community Centre- the dasher board project is now completed. A recognition event will take place on Saturday September 14 at 11:30am at the Stewart Community Centre.
- Cyclorace- The Recreation Manager confirmed the Cyclorace organizers have decided to find an alternative location in future years.

G. REPORTS – None

H. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

1. Jane Young letter

This letter was received as information. The “Old Home Week” event raised funds and would also like to have a bench installed at Don Maynard Park. The Recreation Manager will forward this information on to Jane Young.

2. Terry Goodyear letter

Mr. Goodyear is looking to have a dog park within the Riverfront Estates subdivision. The Recreation Manager confirmed that they are currently working from the original plans approved by the previous Council, which currently does not include a dog park. It is estimated it will take at least another year to complete the project.

Mr. Goodyear’s letter will be presented to Council. Staff will await direction from Council.

I. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

J. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 24 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Sherryl Smith

THAT the August 14, 2019 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

CARRIED

Bonnie Ostrom, Recording Secretary

From: Kelly Stiles [<mailto:kstiles@mvc.on.ca>]

Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 1:38 PM

To: Calvin Murphy

Subject: Riverside park buffer area

Here is a brief summary of my thoughts from yesterday's site visit. I have also attached a pdf with photos of the plants to help illustrate the ideas.

I will be doing field work a lot next week but should also be able to check in with my desk each day. Please let me know if you have questions.

Almonte Riverside Park site visit summary September 26, 2019

For the areas north of Merrithew Street in the currently developed portion of the park I did see some dried stocks of poison parsnip, as well as some burdock in seed and many thistles. These are probably the plants of most concern to park users.

In general I think our naturalized top of bank buffer is doing what it was designed to do. I saw many non-noxious plants growing in there such as asters, wild bergamot, golden rod and milkweed. I would not like to see those mowed down. I observe many pollinators in this area making use of these flowering plants, as well as a sparrow species flitting about in the buffer making good use of the habitat cover and abundance of food sources.

A number of the woody plants we installed are also becoming well established. The maples are growing up and some of the shrubs are doing well too.

I did notice that there has been some garden dumping in this area. One spot of grass clippings were dumped in this zone. There were also two different locations of a garden sourced cedar, still in its soil but not planted, living within the buffer. I would recommend someone get a shovel and plant them properly so they survive the winter as they will be a benefit to the buffer zone.

For the areas south of Merrithew Street in the currently undeveloped park areas I did see a lot more poison parsnip. In this area there are also young maples that are thriving so I would caution against a full mowing of the buffer but instead maybe selectively target the areas thickest with parsnip and carefully preserve the maples or other woody trees and shrubs.

Options for maintenance would be to selectively mow the parsnip before it flowers, and/or manually snip off the flower heads and bag them so the seeds do not get a chance to hit the ground. As the plant is a biannual it may take a couple

years of maintenance to hit back the current seed bank but it can be done. Could this be something a park stewardship group might take on?

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Successes



The park space zone with seeded buffer area.



One of the aster sp in the seeded area with a pollinator on it.



Golden rod and milkweed growing in the seeded area



A successful maple sapling in the seeded area.

Challenges



A dried out poison parsnip in the seeded area. (very hard to photograph)



There was lots of this thistle in the seeded area.



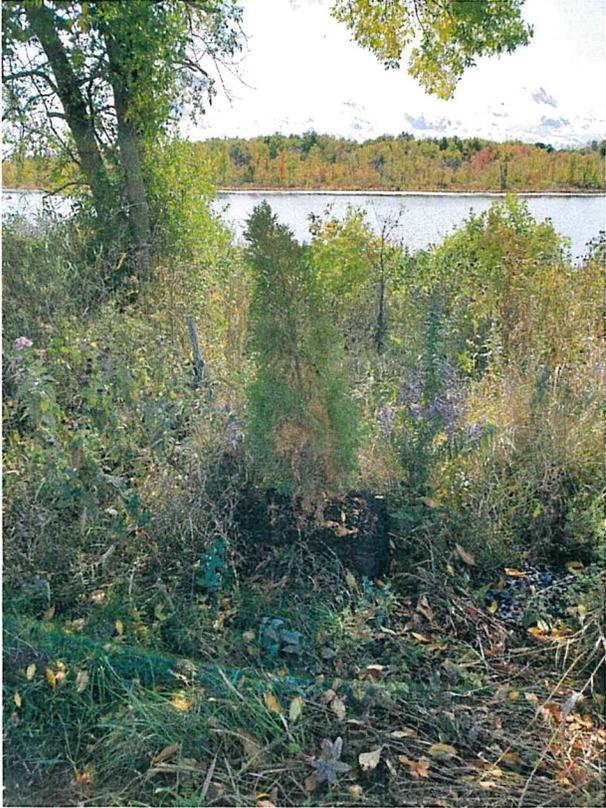
There is some Burdock in the seeded area. This one in particular was adjacent to the path to the dock.

Garden Dumping Activity



Dumping of grass clippings

Dumped garden cedars, that should be planted into the buffer zone.



South of the storm outlet in the area beyond the current park space.



Much larger stands of poison parsnip that has gone to flower. The grass area in front also contains many floret stage poison parsnips. This area could be mowed or treated to reduce the parsnip presence.

The area does have some successful maple saplings that I don't believe MVCA was involved with, so caution should be warranted when planning to tackle the parsnip in this area.



PARKS & RECREATION

2020 BUDGET ITEMS

1. Riverfront Estates	\$150,000
2. Compressor overhaul- both rinks	\$ 15,000
3. Trees for parks	\$ 7,000
4. Mill Run Park	\$372,000
5. Gemmill Park Basketball Court	\$ 50,000
6. Small Storage Shed Roofing/Fix/up Almonte	\$ 10,000
7. Gemmill Park Ball Diamond	\$ 8,000
8. Auto Scrubber- Pakenham arena	\$ 10,000
9. Lighting Study- both rinks	\$ 7,000
10. Trail Development	\$ 42,500
11. Canteen repairs – Pakenham arena	\$ 30,000
12. Mechanical Assessment- both rinks	\$ 10,000
13. Augusta St Park splashpad	<u>\$ 80,000</u>
Total	\$791,500