

**MINUTES OF THE GANARASKA FOREST
RECREATION USERS COMMITTEE**

June 3, 2021

RUC 2/21

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm. The Chair of the committee welcomed the members and announced the temporary representative from Ontario Orienteering Amber Panchyshyn and new Ontario Cycling Association representative Jim Crossecombe as well as guest presenter Herve Mallet from the Canadian Ski Marathon.

MEMBER PRESENT: Mark Gardiner, Chair
Dave Grant, Ontario Trail Riders Association
Cam Lowe, Ontario Federation of Trail Riders
Larry Melynychuk, City of Kawartha Lakes
Randy Cunningham, Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs
Anne Vavra, Municipality of Port Hope
Jennifer Jackman, Ontario Nature
Marven Whidden, Municipality of Clarington
Amber Panchyshyn, Ontario Orienteering (Temporary Rep)
Lauren Tonelli, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
Garry Niece, Hike Ontario
Mark Cousins, Township of Cavan Monaghan
Carolyn Richards, Kawartha ATV Association
Jim Crosscombe, Ontario Cycling Association
Tracy Richardson, GRCA Board Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Herve Mallet, Canadian Ski Marathon
Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician

**ABSENT WITH
REGRETS:**

ALSO ABSENT: Cross Country Ontario Representative (Position unfilled)

2. Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

RUC 6/21

MOVED BY: Anne Vavra

SECONDED BY: Gary Niece

THAT the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee approve the minutes of the April 1, 2021 RUC meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of Agenda

RUC 7/21

MOVED BY: Mark Cousins

SECONDED BY: Larry Melynchuk

THAT the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee approve the agenda.

CARRIED.

5. Delegations

Herve Mallet provided the RUC members with a Canadian Ski Marathon Partnership presentation.

RUC 8/21

MOVED BY: Dave Grant

SECONDED BY: Jennifer Jackman

THAT the Ganaraska Recreational Users Committee support the CSM Partnership proposal.

CARRIED.

6. Presentations

None

7. Business Arising from Minutes

a) Volunteer Recognition

The staff report was presented for discussion and RUC members received it for information.

b) Family Pass

The staff report was presented for discussion and RUC members received it for information and it was this will be reviewed in the future.

c) Increased ORV Usage in the Ganaraska Forest

Members of the RUC discussed the staff report. It was noted that some of the parking lots may require ORV's to travel on municipal roads prior to entering the Ganaraska Forest.

There was a discussion with regards to the City of Kawartha Lakes task force which is looking at allowing ORV on municipal roads. There was further discussion on whether the RUC should comment on the task force initiative. There was discussion on getting clarification and more information. Carolyn Richards provided information on the task force initiative and the time line. She also suggested that perhaps some information could be provided which would identify the roads versus the trails. Staff did not acknowledge how this would be done. It was concluded that this would be discussed further at the next meeting when information is brought forward from the task force.

RUC 9/21**MOVED BY:** Carolyn Richards**SECONDED BY:** Cam Lowe

THAT the Recreational Users Committee receive the staff report for information.
CARRIED.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. New Business**a) Forest Maintenance Agreements**

Staff provided an update to the staff report stating the Peterborough Trail Builders have signed into the 2021 forest maintenance agreement.

Cam Lowe updated the committee on the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders, stating they are waiting for approval from the insurance company and legal advice of agreement wording before signing into the forest maintenance agreement.

RUC 10/21**MOVED BY:** Cam Lowe**SECONDED BY:** Dave Grant

THAT the Recreational Users Committee receive the staff report for information.
CARRIED.

b) Kiosk and Annual Sales**RUC 11/21****MOVED BY:** Anne Vavra**SECONDED BY:** Larry Melynchuk

THAT the Recreational Users Committee receive the staff report for information.
CARRIED.

c) Standardizing Vehicle Width to Mirror Ontario Trail Standards

The RUC discussed the staff report and staff clarified that report indicated the property is multi-use and that groups such as trucks and jeeps are not excluded from using the Ganaraska Forest.

RUC 12/21

MOVED BY: Cam Lowe
SECONDED BY: Carolyn Richards

THAT the Recreational Users Committee receive the staff report for information.
CARRIED

d) Ecological Awareness

RUC 13/21

MOVED BY: Carolyn Richards
SECONDED BY: Anne Vavra

THAT the Recreation User Committee adopt the topic of Ecological Awareness to the regular meeting agenda.
CARRIED

10. Other Business

None.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

RUC 14/21

MOVED BY: Randy Cunningham
SECONDED BY: Larry Melnychuk

THAT the meeting adjourn.
CARRIED.

The next meeting of the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee is Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Chair

Forest Recreation Technician