

PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED FOREST TRAIL MINUTES

Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 5:30 p.m. Tay Valley Municipal Office – 217 Harper Road, Perth, Ontario GoToMeeting

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Chair, Reeve Brian Campbell

Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton

Councillor Fred Dobbie Councillor RoxAnne Darling Councillor Gene Richardson

Councillor Rob Rainer Councillor Mick Wicklum

Beverley Phillips

Staff Present: Amanda Mabo, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Janie Laidlaw, Deputy Clerk

Noelle Reeve, Planner

Richard Bennett, Acting Treasurer Sean Ervin, Public Works Manager

Public Present: 17

1. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Reeve overviewed the Video Conference Participation Etiquette that was outlined in the Agenda.

The Reeve reminded everyone that this is a public meeting for the public to speak, Council will not be discussing the item or making a decision tonight. Council will have a discussion at the September 7th Committee of the Whole Meeting.

A number of speakers have pre-registered and they will start, if anyone else wishes to speak use either the chat function or turn on your camera and the Clerk will record your name on the speaker list.

Council received a petition last night and it will be included in the minutes of this meeting – *attached*, *page 5*.

2. PRESENTATION

- J. Hack, CMC, MCIP, RPP, Director, Sierra Planning and Management Jana Joyce, OALA, CSLA, ASLA, Principal, Senior Landscape Architect, MBTW
- J. Hack and J. Joyce gave a PowerPoint Presentation attached page 14.

3. NEXT STEPS

Council Discussion and Decision

September 7th, 2021 - Committee of the Whole Meeting

4. COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Johana Lintaman gave the attached statement – attached, page 24.

Nathan Farrell

- family owns property along the west side of the property
- is a Professional Planner in Environmental Planning, the comments he is making tonight are not that of his employer and only his personally
- has spent a lot of time on the property over the years and knows it well, as a Planner finds it difficult to hear the points in the presentation and is not going to poke holes in the presentation, he does not think its appropriate for there to be a different set of rules for the governing body as opposed to landowners. Wanted to address the zoning and what is allowed, it was mentioned that a rural land use can have public use, but it is not permitted in the zoning bylaw, parks are permitted under some zones, so disagrees with that opinion and, it is not fair as it would not be allowed and a landowner would have to rezone; it was mentioned that it conforms with the Provincial Policy Statement and it does not, regarding the significant woodlot and Section 2.22.5, development is not permitted in a woodlot. There are lots of ways to view things or to sway things to go in your favour and that is not fair.
- the solar farm is 10 years old and was fenced after 40 acres of trees were removed, the natural heritage system has changed, the water flow is different now, there are new endangered species listed, the presentation did not talk about any of those animals, need to understand the impact on the environment this park could have, have talked about education but we do not even know what is there, the targeted surveys to identify some species takes time and the season is now over for that. It was mentioned that there could be an education component as part of it as well as using fitness equipment, he uses trails all the time and his family is

active and there are a lot of trails available, so why open the Township up to liability when there is lots of trails already. The Conservation Authorities already do an excellent job with tails and with education, because that is what they do and the tax payers pay for the Conservation Authorities to do that. Why is the Township doing something they do not have to? The Development Charges should be paying for fire trucks and other things that they are meant for.

J. Hack acknowledged that from one Professional Planner to another there is a difference of interpretation.

Barbara Chappelle gave the attached comments – attached, page 25.

Ellen Hardy gave the attached comments – attached, page 27.

The Reeve explained that this meeting is for the public to comment and ask questions and that Council will discuss it at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 7th, there will be no opportunity for the public to speak at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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 regarding the entrance to the park off Narrows Lock Road, he travels by there and looking at the grade of the road, it seems like the traffic from the south will be covered, it could be an issue, is not sure but looks like it might make a hidden entrance

The Reeve explained that Narrows Lock Road is a County road and that the Township needs to apply for an entrance permit and the County will look at the sight lines and determine the best and safe access location.

The Public Works Manager also explained that the entrance is subject to permit from the County and they did check sight lines.

The Acting CAO/Clerk addressed a previous question about the deadline for spending the grant funds, some work needs to take place this fall and then the remainder of the project will be next spring and summer with the deadline for spending the grant funds the of August 2022.

Nathan Farrell spoke about that there is not enough time to do the studies on the animals before the construction, lots of animals have started to migrate and are gone or getting ready for hibernation, he feels it is being rushed to spend the funding.

The Reeve explained that the comments have been noted by staff and Council has heard them and will be taking them into consideration for their discussion on September 7. The process has been ongoing for some time and started in the spring when the consultants were hired. The grants do need to be spent and if not spent will be returned to the province, the amount is approximately \$95,000 to spend on this trail in grants.

Councillor Darling asked if the speakers would send their statements so that Council could receive them.

J. Hack explained that the additional agency consultation was done in July, the biologist was on site and did a review and made recommendations, the woodlot inspector took the same approach on site and conducted an inspection, they made field notes but not published reports, their findings are contained in the final report. The Archaeology expert provided a review of the stage 1 and 2 plan to determine if any work was required and it was not. Existing documents and the information in the Official Plan do not require any further studies, a process was followed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Open House adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Brian Campbell, Reeve

<u>PETITION - PROPOSED TRAIL PARK - TAY VALLEY AND NOTION</u>
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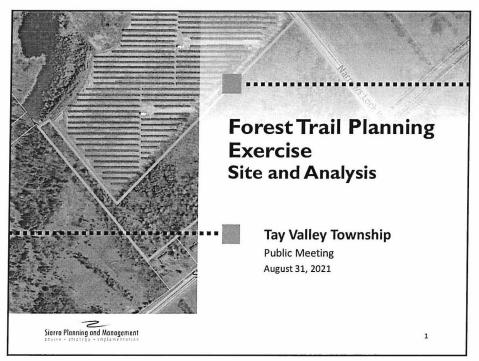
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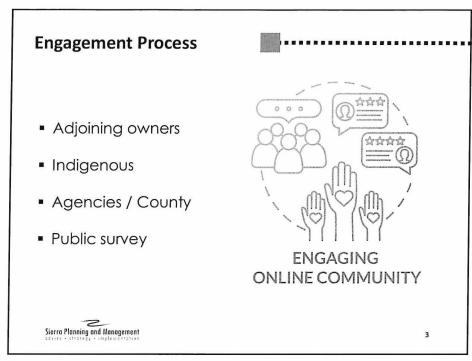


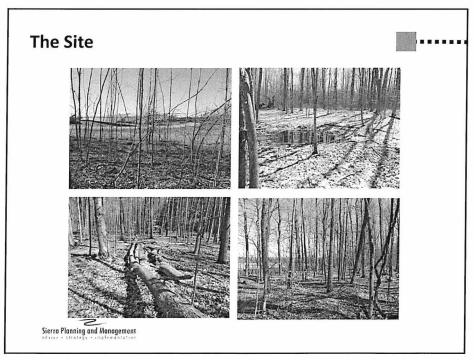
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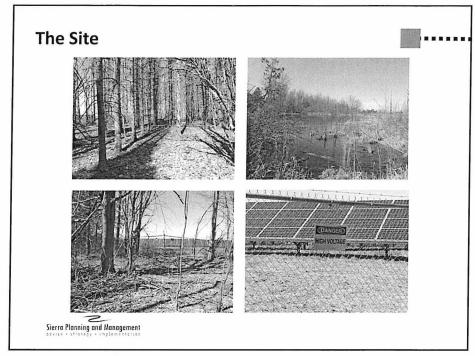


- Determine the overall merit and suitability of the site for development
- Gauge whether the site can achieve the design and operational goals
- Consider existing municipal policy and commitment to developing public access to open space, community views on the proposed development
- Document the existing planning policies which would apply to the proposed development and environmental conditions as known at the time
- Prepare concept diagrams that will give a vision to the range of possibilities for public access to the site based on the range of documented site constraints and opportunities and opinions expressed.

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Planning Approvals

- Lanark County Official Plan
- Tay Valley Township Official Plan
- Tay Valley Township Zoning By-Law No. 02-121



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Vision Statement



The new public park is envisioned as a low-key, barrier-free trail amenity primarily for the local community. Proposed amenities are to support and enhance concepts of healthy living and well-being while providing opportunities for environmental education and interpretation and Indigenous Placemaking.



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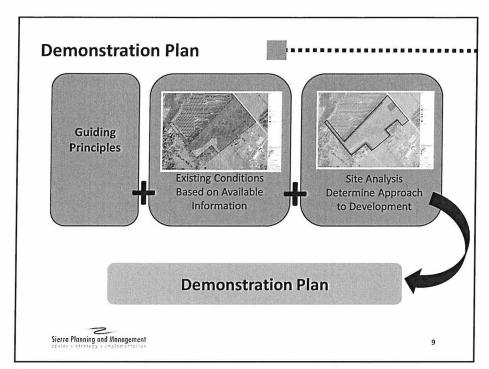
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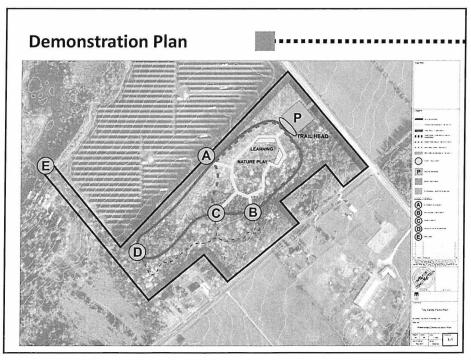


- a) Develop park property as a passive, low-key trail amenity for the local community that provides features that support and enhance the trail use experience.
- b) Integrate features and programming that are environmentally focused and can be integrated 'gently' on the site.
- c) Work with the local Indigenous organizations to develop an appropriate placemaking concept for the site.
- d) Introduce trail features that encourage use of the site during all seasons of the year.
- e) Respect the proximity of adjacent private properties.
- f) Develop identity for the property that differentiates the proposed trail from other nearby trail properties.

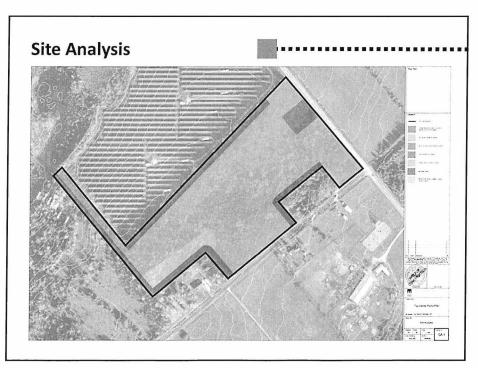


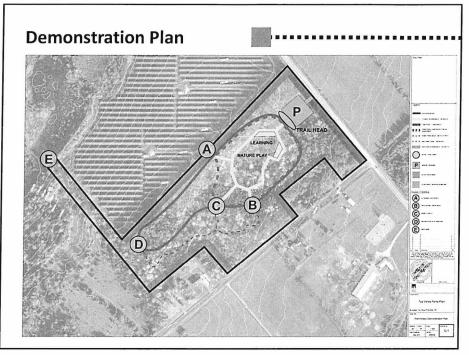
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Additional Agency Consultation



- · Confirmation of Integrity of Archaeological Analysis
- Further review of potential impacts on threatened and endangered species and habitat by Professional Biologist (RVCA);
- Woodlot inspection by Forest Management Expert.

Outcomes

Archaeological: Stage 2 study was a comprehensive summer study, supplemented with winter period work; Result of consultation: no requirement for further assessment but careful stewardship of the existing cultural heritage sites;

Woodlot: Appropriate tra**Derigopystration Plap** health and sustainability of the forest; Opportunity to showcase natural and man-made forest ecosystem.



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Additional Agency Consultation Cont'd



Outcomes:

Aquatic and Forest Animal, Plant Ecosystems:

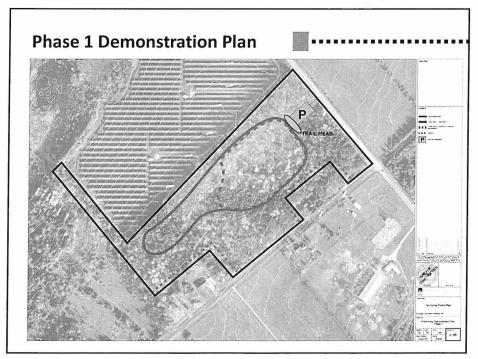
- RVCA will assess impact of any proposed development within 120 m of wetland;
- Minimize tree removal for parking lot and pile onsite for habitat development;
- · Do not interfere with existing grade;
- Appropriate trail design opportunity to protect sensitive habitat by maintaining downed trees, logs, rock piles and vernal pools;
- · Develop a Park Management Plan.

Demonstration Plan



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Capital Costs - Phase 1 Summary Tay Valley Forest Park Estimate of Construction Cost - Project Breakdown 2.0 Parking Area 2.1 Oriveway Entrance 2.2 Culver 2.3 Gravel Parking Area (10 Parking Spaces) 2.4 Site Identification Sign 2.5 Site Mac/Obentation Sign 4,500.00 Development Charges 2,000.00 Development Charges 13,975.00 Development Charges 1,000.00 COVID Funds 7,500.00 COVID Funds Vegetation & Planting Fencing (Back of Residential Properties) 125 00 5 37,500.00 CGVID Funds Development Charges 5.0 Furnishings 5.1 Fitness Equipment 5.2 Benches 5.3 Picnic Tables 5.4 Waste/Recycling Receptacle 5.5 Bike Rack All cools are an estimate of proceder cost and will be subject to further shuly, approvals and detailed design Unit prices are as per 2021 cools. Unit prices have obeen factored into the funding sources but are mentioned as a possibility. All funding for Phase I has already been relianed. 17

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Phase 1: Funding by Source to **Exclude Tax Impact**



- · Phase 1 is the Project
- · Subsequent Phases to occur when funding permits

Funding Sources for Phase 1 Capital:

COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (ICIP Grant)

Development Charges

Covid Funds

Cash in lieu of Parkland Reserve

Accessibility Reserve

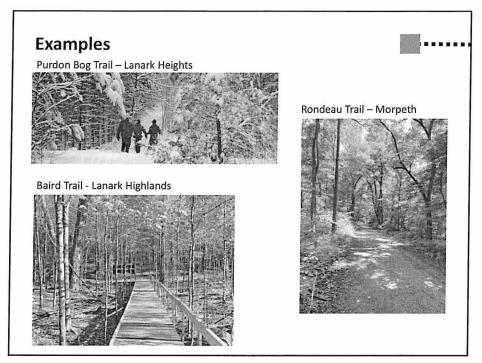
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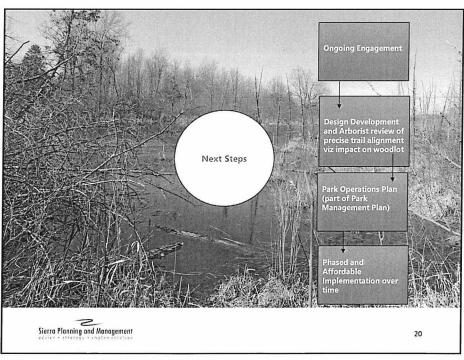
• Operations: Northland Solar Farm Reserve

Demonstration Plan



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"I am Johana Lintaman. We have lived in TVT for over 25 years and have also been involved in the community over the years.

The forest, a significant ecosystem as mentioned by Mr. Hack, separating the solar farm and the properties to the south was left in an agreement as a BUFFER to protect the properties from the solar farm. This was done after the construction of that project.

My question to Council is: do agreements not matter? Many of the taxpayers remember the time when that agreement was made.

Things change but there is one thing that does remain, the solar farm. It will continue to remind us how little respect the township has for agreements made in good faith.

Nearly 140 people signed the petition against the park proposal. Why does their opinion not matter?"

Johana

ADDRESS TO TVT COUNCIL-AUG. 31, 2021

My name is Barbara Chappelle, a resident of Tay Valley Township. How easy it is for folks not living adjacent to this forest to make accusations of NIMBY! My question to you is: Would you want this poorly thought out development in your backyard?

More importantly, taxpayers' dollars, both in the form of grants, and in future maintenance costs for this project, are being used unwisely to plan for the destruction of hundreds of existent trees in this fragile forest area. The plan unveiled by council in June 2021, after no consultation with Stanleyville residents, includes a parking lot big enough to turn around school buses, and the establishment of trails throughout the forest. I'm a hiker. There are already 18 hiking trails and 10 conservation areas locally, each of them unique. In the past 3 and a half years of living in Tay Valley, I have frequented these outdoor opportunities many, many times. I have never experience meeting more than 2 or 3 individuals or groups on my hikes. Often, I meet no one. I suggest that we have ample space for people to roam without interfering with another natural, fragile ecosystem.

This project will exacerbate the trajectory of the Climate Crisis we are now facing. The needless destruction of even one tree flies in the face of the Aug. 2021 report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. It is a 4,000-page document containing over 14,000 citations from 234 authors. UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres called the findings "a code red for humanity".

We have been warned with scientific evidence and have talked about climate change for over 30 years. But we have failed to act. Now the outcomes are dire. Every level of government, every individual must do more than give lip service to the evidence before us. We must all, in every possible way, commit to act responsibly, not selfishly, to help mitigate the horrendous effects of climate change that we have brought upon ourselves: worldwide deadly heatwaves, destructive flooding, dynamic and dangerous weather patterns, raging fires.

That's a grim picture. So, what can we do about it?

We can start with a reality check. For one thing we can stop mindlessly cutting down trees. We know that Natural systems such as forests pull carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, generating life-giving oxygen. It is folly, as supposedly intelligent humans, that we continue to ignore this fact. Every tree that we thoughtlessly destroy in the name of carelessly envisioned "development", further escalates an already critical crisis.

I quote from the 2021 UN report:

"Every little bit counts....We need to do everything possible to avoid even worse disasters in the future.... Leaders at every level of government can no longer wait to act....We cannot dwell in an atmosphere of regret for the failures of the past. Instead, we urge every person, every leader, to focus on what can still be done, on what can still be salvaged."

This relatively small parcel of land may seem insignificant to some people, but it is not. It is very important in helping to maintain a natural balance in Tay Valley Township. Breathing clean air, drinking fresh water, living without fear of forest fire, or flooding or debilitating heat; this is the legacy that we should be passing on to future generations. Our selfish excuses for

not acting immediately are indefensible. We have run out of time. Saving trees, planting more trees, are ways to lessen to some degree the catastrophic effects of this Climate Crisis. Statements on Tay Valley Township's own website declare that the negative environmental and social impact caused by this man-made climate crisis, is "a threat to human existence", "the climate is changing" it says, "and Tay Valley Township wishes to be part of the solution to reduce greenhouse gas emissions..."

It is hypocritical for anyone to say in one instance that steps must be taken locally and globally to arrest climate change, and then to turn around and try to rationalize that it is OK to destroy "a few" trees for the ill-perceived benefit of residents of the area.

Enough damage has been done to the ecosystem in this forest. I urge TVT council to do the right thing. Stop this project. Leave this forest land as it is, for future generations, for the preservation of flora and fauna, and to help mitigate the ominous threat to human existence by the Climate Crisis that we are facing.

Last night, all members of council received a copy of a petition with 134 signatures against the development of the trail park. We request the opportunity to speak at the COW meeting on Sept. 7. How do we become a delegation at that meeting?

Proposed Forest Trail Park- Tay Valley Township

The residents of Tay Valley Township wish to recognize and acknowledge the Algonquin First Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

AS part of any development on traditional lands, I understand that Tay Valley Township council would have consulted with a First Nations group prior to planning this forest trail park. I am unable to find any paper work to show that they consulted with the elected group – Algonquins of Ontario, although I did find a response, but no documentation, from the Tay River Algonquian Group, an unelected group, in this plan. If you did consult with the elected group, where is the documentation? The residents that are being impacted by this forest trail need to see it. From what I can gather there would have had to be an archaeological assessment done on this section of the land that you want to use as a trail park. Where is the documentation that shows the results of this assessment for this section of the property? Will this development do any damage to any historical artefacts in this area? This assessment was and is necessary to show you have respect for these Indigenous lands. Before any approval goes forth regarding the park, TVT residents would like to see this documentation. The draft assessment that I found was dated August 25, 2011, 10 years ago. I feel that there needs to be another assessment done and consultation with the elected group of Algonquins of Ontario before any construction begins.

Ellen Hardy

A very concerned, tax paying citizen of Tay Valley Township