



**Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 12, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.
The Frontenac Room,
2069 Battersea Road, Glenburnie, ON**

AGENDA

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1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- a) **That** the Agenda for the May 12, 2016 Meeting of the Community Development Advisory Committee be Adopted.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Adoption of Minutes

- a) Minutes of Meeting held March 17, 2016
That the minutes of the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting held March 17, 2016 be adopted.

5. Deputations and/or Presentations

- a) **Emily Conger, Chair of the Algonquin to Adirondacks (A2A) Trail Committee;** will present to the Committee an overview of the Organization and its future plans.
b) **Anne Prichard, Executive Director for Frontenac Community Futures Development Corporation;** will provide the Committee with a presentation regarding its programs, Strategic Plan and the FAB Project.

6. Reports to the Community Development Advisory

- a) **2016-056
Community Development Advisory Committee
Economic Development Report**

7. Communications

- a) From Jannette Amini, Clerk, advising of Council resolution regarding CDAC recommendations.

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- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Next Meeting**
- 10. Adjournment**



**Minutes of the Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting
March 17, 2016**

A meeting of the Community Development Advisory Committee was held in the Bud Clayton Memorial Room, County Administrative Office, 2069 Battersea Road, Glenburnie on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 10:00 AM

Present:

Robert Clinton
Barrie Gilbert
Betty Hunter
Tracy John
Wilma Kenny
Darwyn Sproule
Councillor John McDougall, Council Liaison
Councillor Ron Higgins
Warden Frances Smith

Staff Present:

Anne Marie Young, Manager of Economic Development
Kelly Pender, CAO

Others:

Chris Hammer
Ian Arthurs

1. Call to Order

Wilma Kenny called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Anne Marie Young then assumed the chair for the elections of officers.

SAC Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2016 -10:00 AM

2. Election of Officers

a. Election of Chair

Moved By: Wilma Kenny
Seconded By: Councillor John McDougal

That Robert Clinton be elected Chair of the Community Development Advisory Committee for 2016.

CARRIED

Moved By: Warden Frances Smith
Seconded By: Councillor Higgins

THAT nominations for Chair be closed.

CARRIED

b. Election of Vice Chair

Moved By: Darwyn Sproule
Seconded By: Councillor Ron Higgins

THAT Betty Hunter be elected Vice-Chair of the Community Development Advisory Committee for 2016.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Ron Higgins
Seconded by: Councillor John McDougal

THAT nominations for Vice-Chair be closed.

CARRIED

Robert Clinton assumed the chair.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Ron Higgins
Seconded by: Councillor John McDougal

That the agenda for the March 17, 2016 meeting of the Community Development Advisory Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None were declared.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. Minutes of Meeting held January 6, 2016

Moved by: Councillor Ron Higgins
Seconded by: Dr. Barrie Gilbert

That the minutes of the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting held January 6, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Deputations and/or Presentations

- a. Dieter Eberhardt and Kent Labbette of the L&A Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club addressed the Committee regarding a request to allow snowmobile use on the K&P Trail south of the Cataraqui Trail to Orser Road.

Moved by: Councillor Ron Higgins
Seconded by: Councillor John McDougal

That snowmobiling be a permitted use on the 6 km portion of the County owned K&P Trail from Orser Road north to the junction at the Cataraqui Trail, east of Harrowsmith.

CARRIED

- b. Cindy Cassidy of the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance (EOTA), provided the Committee with a presentation on the operations of the EOTA

EOTA manages trail development, trail maintenance and marketing and are contracted by some municipalities to deliver these services. Discussion ensued around the trail maintenance for the K&P trail. To date the maintenance of the K&P Trail is managed by County staff and is performed on as needed basis and within the allotted budget at \$800 per km.

Moved by: Councillor Ron Higgins
Seconded by: Councillor John McDougal

That staff be directed to investigate options for contracting for the maintenance of the K&P Trail.

CARRIED

7. Briefings

- a. Kelly Pender, Chief Administrative Officer, briefed the Committee on its roles and responsibilities as well as the roles and responsibilities of staff and others, in order to advance economic development in the Frontenacs.

Mr. Pender offered scenarios that showed the time commitment that it would take council, committee and staff to implement each. In summary he reiterated that we have three years and \$500k (plus grants/partnerships) to make a difference. Our plans are in place – our objectives are clear – our politicians are supportive, but others are ahead of us. The branding exercise is now in progress. Aligning Planning & Economic Development gives us a strategic advantage and hiring a Community Development Officer – July 1st for 3 years moving from planning to action.

8. Reports to the Community Development Advisory

- a. **2016-042
Community Development Advisory Committee
Economic Development Report**

Anne Marie Young reviewed the economic development report to the committee. She reminded every one of the Sustainability breakfast and that Dan Borowec, Director of Economic Development & Tourism for Northumberland County has agreed to be guest speaker will give a presentation on their Ontario Agri-Food Venture Centre (food hub) which is located in Cobourg.

b. Discussion on Potential Food Hub

Ron Higgins introduced Ian Arthurs, executive chef for Chez Piggy in Kingston. Ian offered an update of a recent meeting which he facilitated for like-minded people who are interested in the development of a Food Hub or facsimile in Kingston and area. He stated that there is a long way to go in the process and the first step is to find out the need. It is the general feeling so far that any development should not compete with services offered at the facilities located in Cobourg and Smith Falls. He will make the committee aware of future meetings and hoped there will be opportunities for the City and the surrounding municipalities in the region to work together to advance this cause.

9. Communications

- a. **Correspondence from the L&A Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club**

10. Other Business

It was noted that Richard Allen, Councillor for the City of Kingston will be facilitating a Farm Familiarization Tour of 3 area farms on April 23, 2016.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the County offices on Thursday, May 12, 2016

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Ron Higgins

Seconded by: Dr. Barrie Gilbert

That the meeting hereby adjourn at 2 p.m.

CARRIED



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Introducing the A2A Trail
Frontenac County
May 12, 2016

A2A Geological Map (courtesy of Ken Buchan)



Major Migration Routes



A2A Region Quick Facts

- **Very high biodiversity, in top 3 regions in Canada**
 - 454 different vertebrate species
 - First in biodiversity for vascular plant species in all of Canada
 - Contains major flyways for migratory bird species
 - Still contains a high percentage of wetland and forest cover
- **A2A is one of the last intact north-south wildlife corridors in eastern North America.**

- **Scientists have recognized for decades what First Nations peoples have known for generations: that the A2A region has a unique and essential role to play in wildlife conservation in North America.**

Inspired by
Alice--A Moose on the Loose

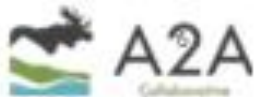




Camino de Santiago



Appalachian Trail





Introducing the A2A Trail

- Physical and symbolic connection
- Alice the Moose inspired the route
- The Trail will:
 1. Raise awareness about this critical ecological corridor
 2. Highlight and strengthen outdoor recreation infrastructure
 3. Provide opportunities for local economic development
- Beginning with existing trails, it will grow
- Cycling routes included, paddling routes discussed
- Partnerships with Indigenous groups, municipalities, trail associations are essential to plan, create, manage the Trail
- Total approximate distance: 650 km/400 mi



2015 Trail Workshop



A2A Trail Development

- Establishing an area of focus
- Identifying challenges and opportunities
- Research of existing trails
- Fieldwork and site research
- Engaging with potential trail partners
- Mapping and GIS work



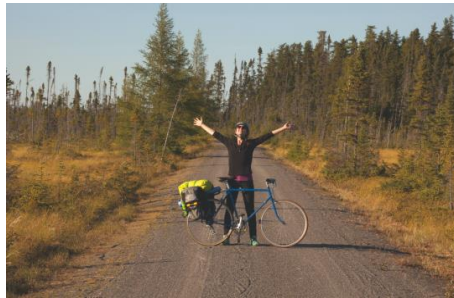
Partnership Framework: Working with A2A

- A2A will coordinate planning and implementation of the Trail & support the network of Trail partners
- Partners will be leaders in finalizing the design, detailed route planning, and stewardship of each section
- Benefits of participation in trail:
 - visibility as part of larger regional destination
 - increased tourism and opportunities for economic development new
 - outdoor recreation infrastructure
 - leveraging resources
- Examples of the Blueberry Trail (Quebec) and Appalachian Trail (Eastern US)



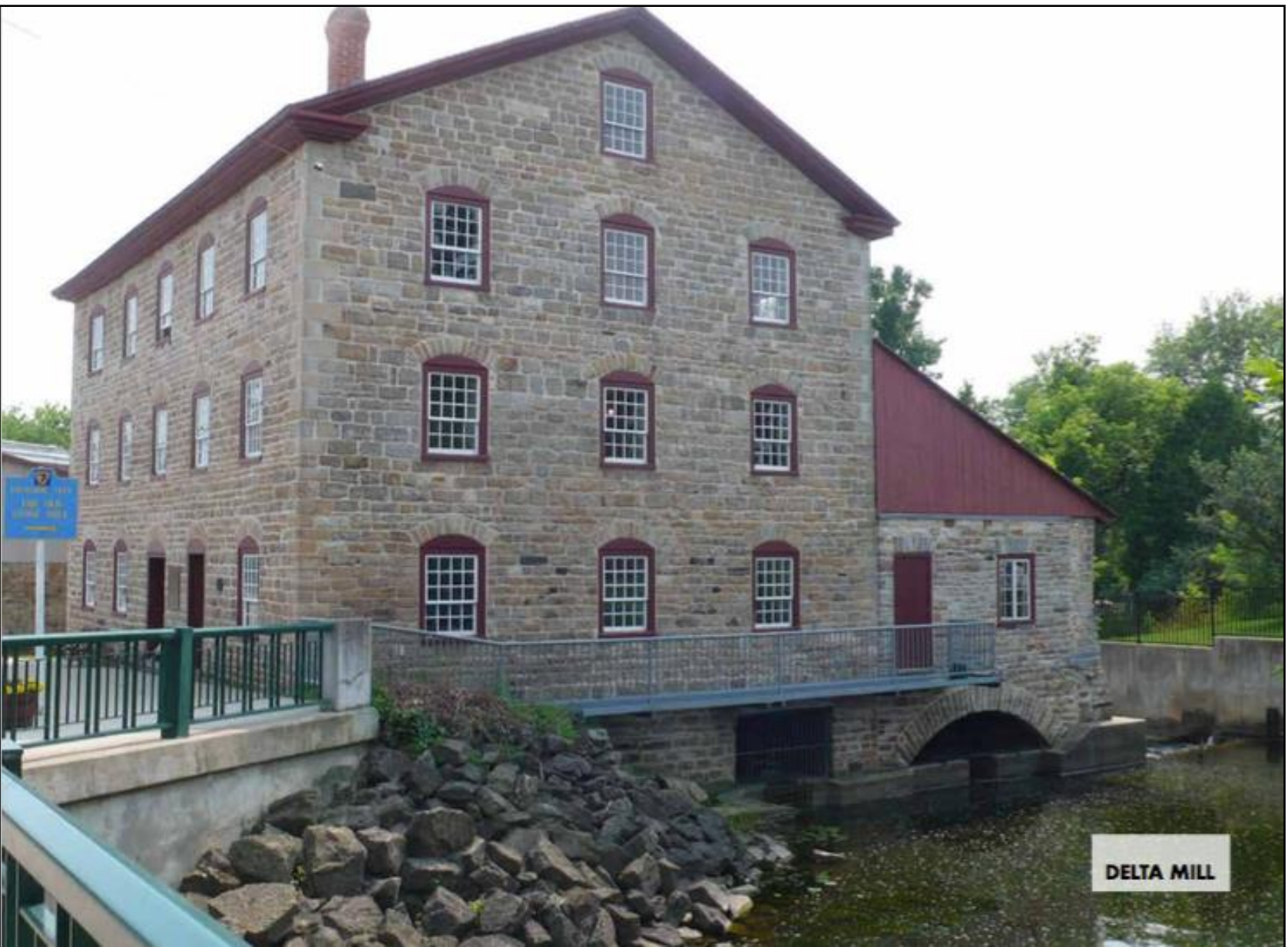
Learning from the Blueberry Trail

- 5 hours north east of Montreal
- Suffering manufacturing and primary industry sectors
- Sought to attract tourists who would invest in the kind of communities they wanted to live in
- 14 municipalities gathered in 90s to build a 250km bike loop around Lac St. Jean
- After 4 years construction, it opened in 2000
- Now attracts 250,000 travelers and ~\$9.5 million in tourism





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TAY RIVER, TOWN OF PERTH





K&P TRAIL, SNOW ROAD STATION





MADAWAKSA RIVER @ GRIFFITH



LOWER MADAWASKA PROVINCIAL PARK



CAMPSITE ON MADAWASKA RIVER



STATION PARK, KILLALOE



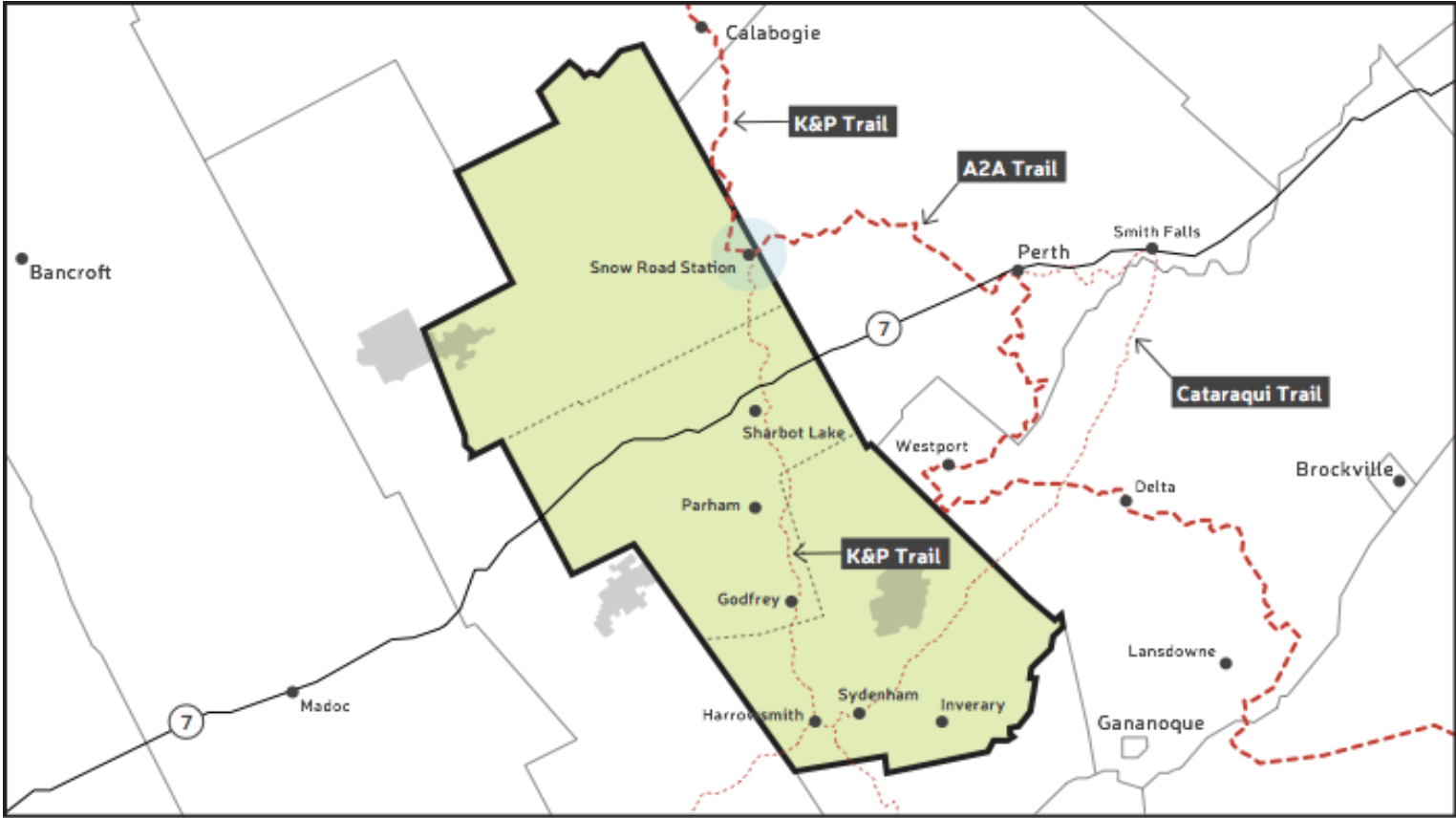
RAIL TRAIL ACCESS, BARRY'S BAY

Frontenac County and the A2A Trail

- Despite marginal distance (approximately 15km) of proposed A2A Trail travelling through Frontenac County, there are nonetheless important opportunities:
- The A2A Trail provides direct connection and access points to other significant trails within municipal boundary; allowing for a variety of planning options including loops and side-trips.
- Near Snow Road Station, the A2A Trail intersects with the K&P Trail. At Portland, it intersects with the Cataraqui Trail.
- One possible circuit beginning in Kingston; take the Cataraqui Trail to Portland, link up with the A2A/Rideau Trail to Perth and on to Snow Road, and then head South along the K&P back to Kingston (or do this in the opposite direction)
- An alternative border crossing has been explored that would route the Trail from the US through the ferry system at Cape Vincent and Wolfe Island directly into Kingston - a jumping off point to Frontenac County and its trail system.
- A2A is a regional, not linear initiative: Trail seeks to activate not a single path but a trail system throughout the region.



Frontenac County and the A2A Trail



Getting Involved

- Join us at www.A2ACollaborative.org/join-A2A
- We ask that interested municipalities support the trail project in the following ways:
 1. Identify a point person to work with the A2A trail coordinator
 2. Engage in detailed route planning
 3. Attend the A2A Trail Conference
- Contact trail coordinator Noah Scheinman at trail@a2acollaborative.org



Next Steps

- We are focused on building partnerships
- Drafting a strategic plan for the Trail
- Fundraising
- Goals for 2016:
 1. Finalize route
 2. Hike events
 3. A2A Trail Conference



- **We want to acknowledge the National Trails Council and Paul McKay for our A2A Camino/ Trails project, and the work done with us by the Frontenac Arch Biosphere, as well as the Trails Committee and a couple of stellar volunteers on the U.S. side: Nicole Wooten and Richard Phillips.**



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Report 2016-056

Committee Report

To: Chair and Members of the Community Development Advisory Committee

From: Anne Marie Young, Manager of Economic Development

Date of meeting: May 12, 2016

Re: Community Development Advisory Committee – Economic Development Report

Recommendation

This report is for information purposes only.

Background

At its July 2015 regular meeting County Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) as follows:

Mandate

Set priorities for sustainability in the Frontenacs, implementing the visions outlined in Directions for Our Future, the Economic Development Charter & Implementation Plan, and the Trails Master Plan.

Key Activities

- Create short-term project teams for focused development within priorities
- Evaluate project team recommendations through a sustainability lens
- Proactively advise and inform Council to ensure decisions account for regional and long-term implications
- Improve community engagement in the activities that will lead to a sustainable future for the Frontenacs

Comment

The following information on current activities with regard to economic development, sustainability and trail development is offered to the committee members for perusal:

Economic Development

Agri-Tour: Richard Allen, Councillor for the City of Kingston organized a spring farm tour for Saturday, April 23, 2016. Anne Marie Young attended. Three businesses in the area were visited: Sunset Harvest Greenhouses in Glenburnie, Sonset Farms near Inverary and Limestone Creamery on Sydenham Road, in South Frontenac Township. Each business owner spoke to the reasons why they are operating in a rural environment and highlighted the opportunities and the challenges of doing so. The tour was supported by KEDCO, National Farmers Union, Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the Frontenac Federation of Agriculture. Solar farms were also highlighted on Unity Road. The tour was very well received and it is the intent to continue to have two similar tours a year.

Action for CDAC: Attend and report on best practices of other municipalities.

Branding exercise: Redtrain has been interviewing stakeholders across the County and spent an afternoon touring North Frontenac visiting businesses and points of interest there such as the Dark Skies Preserve and followed by attending the Economic Development Task Force meeting later that evening. They're meeting with County staff prior to May 12th to present the positioning part of the exercise.

Action for CDAC: Participate in stakeholder meetings for the consultation portion of the branding exercise.

Directions for Our Future – the County's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

The Sustainability (ICSP) Breakfast was held on April 7, 2016 at the Lion's Hall in Verona. Over 60 people attended. Dan Borowec, Director of Economic Development & Tourism for Northumberland County was the guest speaker at the breakfast and gave a presentation on Cobourg's Ontario Agri-Food Venture Centre (food hub).

Action for CDAC: Follow-up comments, suggestions for future breakfasts. Next event is the fall workshop; some suggested dates are: September 29, 30, October 6, 2016, location to be determined.

K&P Trail Development

County Council approved the committee's recommendation to open the south end of the trail for snowmobiling.

The land acquisition process continues and some progress is being made.

The gates from Verona to Orser Road have been closed on the K&P Trail and also the 2 new gates at Fish Creek Bridge and Oclean Lane. There have been some calls inquiring to why these are needed. It was because a recommendation by the former Trails Committee and approved by County Council to have gates here to prevent vehicles from driving to Duncan Lake (as the lake is directly adjacent to the trail) and parking here to fish. Point of interest: Duncan Lake is the only County-owned waterfront.

Anne Marie Young attended a Risk Management Workshop for Trails sponsored and hosted by Frank Cowan Company (insurance). The take away from the workshop is that

we should sign our trail using the term “recreational” trail and use also for publications, mapping, websites, etc. By doing this the trail will qualify for a “lesser duty of care”.

A lesser duty of care is owed to users of premises where a person has enters the premises “for the purpose of a recreational activity”. In order to qualify for the lesser duty of care, the premises must be either:

- a) A rural premises that is,
 - (i) Used for agriculture purposes, including land under cultivation, orchards, pastures, woodlots and farm ponds,
 - (ii) Vacant or underdeveloped premises
 - (iii) Forested or wilderness premises
- b) Golf courses when not open for playing
- c) Utilities rights-of-way and corridors, excluding structures located thereon
- d) Unopened road allowances
- e) Private roads reasonably marked by notice as such, and
- f) Recreational trails reasonably marked by notice as such¹

Maintenance activities must be documented.

Action for CDAC: Advise and inform Council of the land acquisition process for the development of the K&P Trail. Make suggestions for on-going maintenance of the K&P.

Sustainability Implications

In all that we do in the name of economic development in the Frontenacs, we will live by a set of principles that balance the economy, environment, social, and cultural interest of our communities.

Financial Implications

There is an allotment in the 2016 budget for the K&P Trail development, activities for monitoring Directions for Our Future, and the implementation plan for economic development.

¹ R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.2, s 4.

Organizations, Departments and Individuals Consulted and/or Affected

Members of Community Development Advisory Committee

County Council & staff

Township of Frontenac Islands

Township of South Frontenac

Township of Central Frontenac

Township of North Frontenac

Central Frontenac Economic Development Advisory Committee

North Frontenac Economic Development Task Force

Frontenac Community Futures Development Corporation

Residents of the County of Frontenac

