

The Corporation of the Town of



TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL MEETING AGENDA

Held on Wednesday, January 21st 2026, at 1:00 PM

at Town Hall – 30 King Street East (Council Chambers)

Video Conference Link: [Click Here](#)

1.	Call Meeting to Order
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof
3.	Approval of Minutes (Adoption) – December 15, 2025
4.	Public Question/Comment (Only Addressing Reports on the Agenda)
5.	Disclosure of Additional Items
6.	Delegations
7.	Presentations by Staff (Others)
8.	Correspondence
	1. Ontario Trails Council – Newsletter – December 8, 2025 Ontario Trails Council Newsletter - January 12, 2026
9.	Unfinished Business
	1. Request to Council – McLean Forest Sub-Committee – Add 2025 Volunteer Progress Report to Council Agenda as Correspondence
10.	New Business/Reports
	1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund – Growing Canada's Community Canopies: Urban Forestry Plans and Studies
	2. Trail Network Extension
	3. Forgotten Corners – King Street Pedestrian Bridge Removal Areas
	4. Pavement Trail Marking (Member D. Bickerton)
11.	McLean Forest Sub-Committee
12.	Invasive Plants
13.	Trail Updates

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14.	Trail Mapping & Online Visibility
	1. Name Committee “Trails Digital Mapping & Engagement Sub-Committee”
15.	Discussion of Additional Items
16.	Next Regular Meeting – _____, 2026, at 1:00 PM
17.	Questions from the Media
18.	Adjournment

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TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES

On Monday, December 15, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Town Hall, 30 King Street East, Gananoque and Online via Webex

PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
Chair:	Councillor David Osmond	Robert Kennedy, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities
Members:	Doug Bickerton	Charles Fromentin, Public Works
	David Frid	Lynsey Zufelt, Recording Secretary
	Alan Smith	
	Alison Timusk	
Regrets:	Kate McLean	
	Gerry Brown	
	Calder Schweitzer	
	Terry Childs	

****Member Alison Timusk left the room at 2:02 PM.**

****The Panel lost quorum.**

8.	Correspondence
	1. Ontario Trails Council – Newsletter – December 8, 2025
9.	Unfinished Business
	1. Murray/Bickerton Gananoque Trails – Trailhead Sign Unveiling Event <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was generally agreed that the Town arrange an interview with Mr. Bickerton to discuss the history of the Gananoque Trails Network.
	2. Boot Brush Stations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff and Panel Member Smith are working together to complete this project
10.	New Business/Reports – <i>Postponed to next meeting</i>
	1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund – Growing Canada’s Community Canopies: Urban Forestry Plans and Studies
	2. Trail Network Extension
11.	McLean Forest Sub-Committee
	1. Sub-Committee Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member Smith presented the McLean Forest Sub-Committee Report entitled, “McLean Memorial Forest Volunteer Progress 2025”.
12.	Invasive Plants
	1. Invasive Plant Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair provided Panel Members an update regarding Council’s support of the Cataraqui Region Invasive Phragmites Control Fund.
13.	Trail Updates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member Frid noted that the previous “Forgotten Corners” initiative of the Panel in considering the area surrounding the remains of the King Street Pedestrian Bridge cleanup and how Trees and Trails will be involved.
14.	Discussion of Additional Items – Ref. (+Item 5.)
15.	Questions from the Media – None
16.	Next Meeting – Monday, January 19th at 1:00 PM
17.	Adjournment

Motion-TTAP-2025-25 – Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Doug Bickerton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL HEREBY
ADJOURNS THE MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 2025, MEETING AT 2:41 PM.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUS, *By those present*

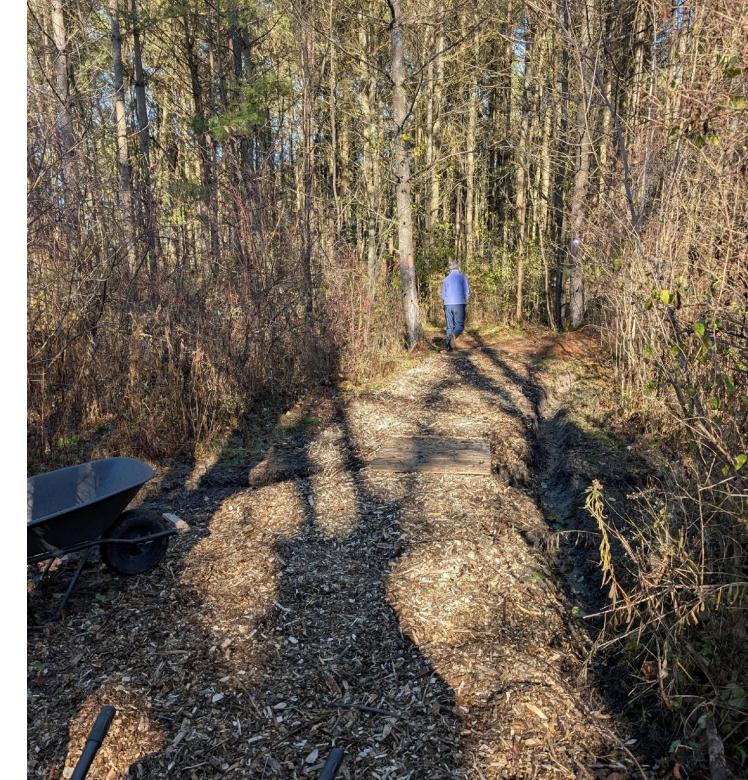
Councillor David Osmond, Chair

Lynsey Zufelt, Recording Secretary

McLean Memorial Forest

Volunteer progress 2025

- 2 x Boot brush stations added
- Woodchips added to half of trail
- Trail to Turtle Rock established
- Improvement plan drafted
- Trenching improvements made to wet area
- Trip hazards reduced in rocky area.
- Many invasive plants managed
- Signage improved and minor repairs to bridge railings



McLean Memorial Forest 2026

Volunteer Ideas

- Add more woodchips to west section of trail
- Clear and add woodchips to viewpoint at Grandpas pond
- Further invasive plant clean ups (with Rotary Club)
- Add boundary and conservation signage
- Tree planting (grant dependent)
- Add first information signage

Ideas for Town

- Add short (8ft) boardwalk over outlet from Grandpas pond
- Add bench to Turtle Rock (budget allocation dependent)
- Chip brush cleared by volunteers for Tree Planting
- Add refurbishment of Arthur St Bridge to future budget forecast