



## TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL MEETING AGENDA

Held on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 1:00 PM  
at Town Hall – 30 King Street East (Council Chambers)

Video Conference Link: [Click Here](#)

1.	<b>Call Meeting to Order</b>
2.	<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest &amp; General Nature Thereof</b>
3.	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> (Adoption) – August 19, 2025
4.	<b>Public Question/Comment</b> (Only Addressing Reports on the Agenda)
5.	<b>Disclosure of Additional Items</b>
6.	<b>Delegations</b>
7.	<b>Presentations by Staff (Others)</b> – None
8.	<b>Correspondence</b> – None
9.	<b>Unfinished Business</b>
	1. Murray/Bickerton Gananoque Trails – Trailhead Sign
	2. Tree By-law Update
10.	<b>New Business/Reports</b>
11.	<b>McLean Forest Sub-Committee</b>
	1. Sub-Committee Update
	2. Boot Brush Stations
12.	<b>Invasive Plants</b>
	1. Invasive Plant Update – Member Smith

<b>13.</b>	<b>Trail Updates</b>
	1. Signage and Maintenance Updates – Trailhead Sign and Distance Markers
	2. Trail Maps
<b>14.</b>	<b>Discussion of Additional Items</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Next Regular Meeting – October _____, 2025, at 1:00 PM</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Questions from the Media</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>



## TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES

On Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 1:00 PM  
Town Hall, 30 King Street East, Gananoque and Online via Webex

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

<b>1.</b>	<b>Call Meeting to Order</b>
	Chair David Osmond called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest &amp; General Nature Thereof</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member Schweitzer declared a Conflict of Interest with matters pertaining to the Judith McLean Forest, as he is the Executive Director for the Thousand Islands Land Trust, which is the organization hired by Frontenac Arch Biosphere Network to complete the development of a Property Management Plan for the lands.</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Adoption of Minutes</b>
	<p><b>Motion-TTAP-2025-13 – Adoption of Minutes – July 16, 2025</b>  <b>Moved By:</b> Terry Childs                      <b>Seconded By:</b> Gerry Brown            BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL HEREBY            ADOPTS THE REGULAR TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES OF JULY            16, 2025.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</b></p>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Public Question / Comment</b> – None
<b>5.</b>	<b>Disclosure of Additional Items</b> – Alison Timusk – Tree trimming contact
<b>6.</b>	<b>Delegations</b> – None
<b>7.</b>	<b>Presentations by Staff (Others)</b>
	1. Staff Introduction – Charles Fromentin, Public Works Technologist
<b>8.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	1. Ontario Trails Council (OTC) Newsletter – 08 August 2025
<b>9.</b>	<b>Unfinished Business</b>
	1. Murray/Bickerton Gananoque Trails – Trailhead Sign
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff provided an update on the installation plans for the new Trailhead sign</li> </ul>
	2. Tree By-law Update – Heritage Tree Map
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be discussed at the next meeting</li> </ul>
<b>** Member Frid joined the meeting at 1:20 PM</b>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>New Business/Reports</b> – None
<b>11.</b>	<b>McLean Forest Sub-Committee</b>
	1. Sub-Committee Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member Smith provided a verbal update.</li> </ul>
	2. Property Management Plan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine Grossutti, Conservation Project Manager, Frontenac Arch Biosphere Network, appeared before the Panel to present a PowerPoint presentation entitled, “Property Management Plan for McLean Memorial Forest”.</li> <li>• It was generally agreed that the McLean Forest Sub-Committee would examine the document and come back with a 5-year forest management plan.</li> <li>• The Panel thanks Ms. Grossutti for the work she and her team has invested into the protection of the McLean Forest property.</li> <li>• The Panel considered the following.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Motion-TTAP-2025-14 – McLean Forest Property Management Plan</b></p> <p><b>Moved By:</b> Terry Childs      <b>Seconded By:</b> Gerry Brown</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL RECEIVE THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE MCLEAN MEMORIAL FOREST AS REPRESENTED BY THE FRONTENAC ARCH BIOSPHERE NETWORK AND THE</p>

	THOUSAND ISLANDS WATERSHED LAND TRUST. AND FURTHER, REFER THE REPORT TO COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION. <div>CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</div>	
12.	Invasive Plants	
	1. RFQ Update (Japanese Knotweed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Chair advised that Council had awarded the contract to Wagar &amp; Corput Weed Control Inc.</li></ul>	
13.	Trail Updates	
	1. Signage and Maintenance Updates – Trailhead Sign & Distance Markers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff provided a verbal update regarding trail cleanup and</li></ul>	
	2. Trail Maps <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff invited Panel Members to review the current Gananoque Trails Map brochure and to provide updates and feedback.</li></ul>	
14.	Discussion of Additional Items	
	1. Member Timusk brought forth the name of a tree trimming contact for consideration	
15.	Questions from the Media – None	
16.	Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 23, 2025 @ 1:00 PM (Tentative)	
17.	Adjournment	
	<div>Motion-TTAP-2025-15 – Motion to Adjourn</div> <div>Moved by: Terry Childs</div> <div>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREES AND TRAILS ADVISORY PANEL HEREBY ADJOURNS THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 MEETING AT 2:23PM.</div> <div>CARRIED – UNANIMOUS</div>	
<div>Councillor David Osmond, Chair</div>		<div>Lynsey Zufelt, Recording Secretary</div>

## **Town of Gananoque Invasive Plant Update – 13 Sep 2025 – Alan Smith**

<b>Invasive plants observed in Gananoque park and trail areas</b>	<b>Recent progress</b>
<p>McLean Forest: Goutweed, Periwinkle, Dog Strangling Vine, Lily of the Valley, Honeysuckle, Buckthorn, Coltsfoot, Purple Loosestrife, Garlic Mustard.</p> <p>Lions (Rail) Trail: Garlic Mustard, Coltsfoot, Phragmites.</p> <p>Grasshopper Park: Phragmites, Purple Loosestrife.</p> <p>Machar Park: Honeysuckle, periwinkle, Lily of the valley.</p> <p>Confederation Park: Purple Loosestrife, Japanese Knotweed, Black Locust.</p> <p>Arena Park: Black Locust, Buckthorn,</p> <p>Steelworkers Park: Flowering Rush, Purple Loosestrife.</p> <p>Rotary Beach / Bay Rd: Purple Loosestrife, Japanese Knotweed, Day Lily, goutweed.</p> <p>Joel Stone Park: Japanese Knotweed.</p> <p>Stocking Hill Creek: Purple Loosestrife, Phragmites.</p> <p>Kinsman Park: Phragmites, Japanese Knotweed.</p>	<p>Contract awarded for chemical control of Japanese Knotweed in Joel Stone and Kinsmen parks, and on Bay Rd (Chemical control is the only viable control method for these infestations).</p> <p>The Rotary Club assisted by Trees and Trails members has completed their first few invasive plant cleanups, with intentions to continue in again in Spring 2026. Manual controls have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phragmites in Grasshopper Park (cutting)</li> <li>- Goutweed and Periwinkle in McLean Forest (smothering)</li> <li>- Dog Strangling Vine in McLean Forest (cutting)</li> <li>- Garlic Mustard in McLean Forest (pulling)</li> <li>- Purple Loosestrife in McLean Forest and Grasshopper Park (seed removal)</li> </ul> <p>Council approval of installation of two FABN funded bootbrush stations at McLean Forest (seed spread prevention)</p>
<p>Rogers Trail: Honeysuckle, Buckthorn, Japanese Knotweed.</p> <p>Narrows/Snapper Loop: Honeysuckle, Buckthorn, Coltsfoot.</p> <p>Riverside Loop: Honeysuckle, Buckthorn, Maidengrass.</p> <p>Notably not found: Himalayan Balsam, Giant Hogweed, Wild Parsnip, Yellow Iris, Tree of Heaven.</p> <p>* Based on observations of obvious troublesome invasive plants. Not all plants identified merit control measures.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suggested future actions</b></p> <p>Continued manual control events by insured volunteers from Rotary Club.</p> <p><b>The Town of Gananoque applies through CRCA for the 2026 grant for chemical control of Phragmites, with target infestations at Stocking Hill Creek, Grasshopper Park, Lions Trail and John Street (east end).</b></p>