

SHARED USE TRAILS AGENDA

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 4:00 pm Committee Room

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SHARED USE TRAILS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 4:00 pm Council Chambers

Present:

M. Reckahn, Penokean Hills Field Naturalists

K. Meeking, EL Mountain Bike Club

Ron Rye, ATV Club

Resources:

D. Brandow, Recording Secretary

Teresa Dunlop, Director Recreation & Culture A. Ewald, Resource, Denison Environmental J. Johnston, Resource, Friends of Algoma East T. MacDonald, Resource, Algoma Public Health

B. Ralph, Resource

D. Gagnon, CAO City of Elliot Lake

R. Seguin, EL ATV Club

Regrets:

D. Hewitt, Rio Algom

Guests:

B. Donaldson, APH

T. Turner, Council E. Pearce, Council

C. Berube, Fire Ranger Heritage Centre Interpreter

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4pm.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 14 May 2019

Res#: 9/19

Moved By: R. Rye

Seconded By: K. Meeking

That the minutes be received as read.

Adequate changed to Inadequate in the Elliot Lake Mountain Bike Club report

Carried

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

4.1 Tick Talk by Brett Donaldson, Public Health Inspector, APH

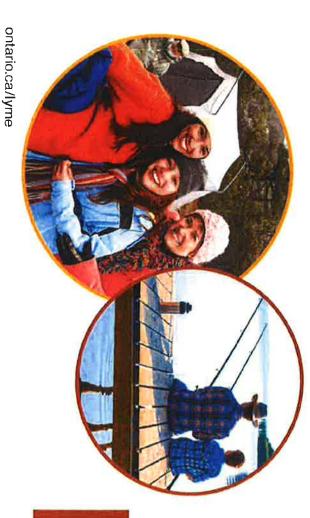
See attached Handout

Tick season is now until winter

LYME DISEASE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS CAN INCLUDE:

- HEADACHE
- SPASMS NUMBNESS OR TINGLING MUSCLE AND JOINT PAINS
- FACIAL PARALYSIS
- FATIGUE
- SWOLLEN GLANDS
- Remember many people never **EXPANDING SKIN RASH** get or see a rash.





TREATING LYME DISEASE

See a health care professional as early as possible if:

you have symptoms or

SYMPTOMS MAY OCCUR WEEKS TO MONTHS AFTER THE ORIGINAL BITE TICK BITE). HOWEVER, IF LYME INFECTION IS NOT RECOGNIZED AND TREATED,

NOTE: SYMPTOMS OF LYME DISEASE TYPICALLY OCCUR 1-2 WEEKS AFTER A BITE (BUT MAY APPEAR AS EARLY AS 3 DAYS OR AS LONG AS ONE MONTH AFTER A

- you feel unwell in the weeks following a bite and
- you have been in an area where ticks may live and no bite is evident

physician or take it to public health yourself. appointment for submission to the local public health unit by your If you were bitten and saved the tick, bring it to your medical Tell the health care professional about your tick bite or where you were

disease can be treated successfully with a few weeks of antibiotics. The earlier treatment is received the better. Most cases of Lyme

MORE INFORMATION

- ONTARIO.CA/LYME
- PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO bit.ly/1MetqFJ
- PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OF CANADA bit.ly/1Drr1D6



TICKS AND LYME DISEASE

WORKING OR ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS

Ticks that carry Lyme disease live in woodlands, tall grasses and bushes. Protect yourself:

- Wear light-coloured clothing. It makes ticks easier to spot.
- Wear closed footwear and socks, a long sleeved shirt tucked into long pants. Tuck your pants into your socks.
- Use a tick repellent that has DEET or learidin on dothes and exposed skin (be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions).
- Search your clothes and body for ticks at

the groin, navel, armpits, scalp and behind ears and knees. Use a mirror to check the back of your body or have someone else check for you. Don't forget to tick-check your children.

 Take a shower as soon as you can after being outdoors to

more easily find and wash off any ticks crawling on you.

Ticks thrive in wet environments. Before washing outdoor dothing, put them in a dryer on high heat for 60 minutes to kill any ticks.

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HOW TO REMOVE A TICK

- Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to your skin as possible. Do not use your fingers.
- Pull the tick straight out, gently but firmly.
 Don't squeeze it. Squeezing the tick can cause Lyme bacteria to be

accidentally introduced into your body.

- 3. After removing the tick, place it in screw-top bottle and take it to your doctor or local health unit for tick identification and possible testing. Submitting a tick is to assist with the provincial surveillance program and decisions to diagnose or treat for Lyme disease should not be delayed by the wait for test results.
- Thoroughly cleanse the bite site with rubbing alcohol and/or soap and water.



NOTE: DO NOT BURN THE TICK OR USE NAIL POLISH, PETROLEUM JELLY OR ANOTHER SUBSTANCE. THESE METHODS MAY INJECT LYME DISEASE BACTERIA INTO THE SKIN.

If you have pets:

- Talk with your veterinarian about appropriate tick prevention for your pet.
- Check your pet regularly for ticks if they spend time outdoors (steps for removing a tick for your pet are the same as the steps you would follow for yourself).





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5. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE REPORTS

5.1 Report from the Director of Recreation & Culture

Slide show of the development or the interpretive trail at the Fire Ranger Heritage Centre presented by C. Berube, Fire Ranger Heritage Centre Interpreter

Goals: Widening, filling in holes & clearing up the interpretive trail Add signage

Concerns: steep slope

Solution: install handrail, steps or both

6. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Group Reports

ATV Club

We did a membership ride to Spragge and had lunch at Annette's diner on HWY 17. Approximately 15 members participated in a poker run in Little Rapids. The month of May was not a good month for riding or repairs. We did manage to repair the wash out on May Loop. It took 3 days, a total of 54 man hours and 11 hours with the back hoe. The club has approximately 85 members thus far.

3 groups are coming to the area for a guided ride from:

- USA
- Alberta
- o Guelph, ON

Thank you,

Rolly Séguin

D. Gagnon reported that \$40,000 for the rock truck, \$15,000 for the trail work and \$25,000 for the groomer has been approved

Coureurs de Bois Hiking Club

We continue to hike 4 times a week starting from the upper parking lot at 10 am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturday.

Our club cleared the Semi White Creek trail in Mississaugi park at the beginning of May and also cleared the Interpretive trail at the Ranger Station. Jackie continues to work with the group on the trail and certain efforts to highlight hazards on the trail will continue.

Report of Elliot Lake Mountain Bike Club

On Thursday, 16 May 2019, the club did a walk through of the Jack Rabbit Trail to inspect its condition after the winter.

We found that the trail is, for the most part, in bad condition;

- trail signage is good at the trail head and then rapidly disappears after a few hundred meters in
- the existing signage is not adequate, should be able to see the next trail marker in both directions from any marker
- a good part of the trail is under water from winter run off
- considerable amount of dead fall across the trail

We also found that the existing trail maps are not accurate:

- the Elliot Lake Pocket Map shows the trail system well but the topography is not detailed enough to navigate by
- the Explore Elliot Lake Trail Guide topography bares no resemblance to the ground we were walking on
- the government 1/50,000 topographical map is accurate for topography but the trail system is not well represented

The club is planning on doing trail maintenance on the Jack Rabbit Trail Thursday of next week, clear the dead fall, put up more trail markers and generally inspect the condition of the ground.

Respectfully,

Dennis Meeking

Secretary

Elliot Lake Mountain Bike Club

PENOKEAN HILLS FIELD NATURALISTS

Not much happening now. We still continue with our Saturday walks. Our last members meeting was May and that is also our Annual General Meeting. There are outings planned over the summer but for most of them there has not been set a date. July 3rd we will be driving to Desbarats to tour the Kensington Conservancy. We end the summer break on August 24 with a pot luck supper at Westview Park. We will be back to our regular monthly meetings in September.

- 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE
- 10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD
- 11. ADDENDUM
- 12. CLOSED SESSION
- 13. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Shared Used Trails meeting is 10 Sept 2019 at 4pm

14. ADJOURNMENT

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Moved By: K. Meeking

Carried



Green Job Initiative By TERESA DUNLOP Director of Recreation & Culture

10 September 2019







City of Elliot Lake: Fire Ranger Heritage Centre - Green Job Initiative

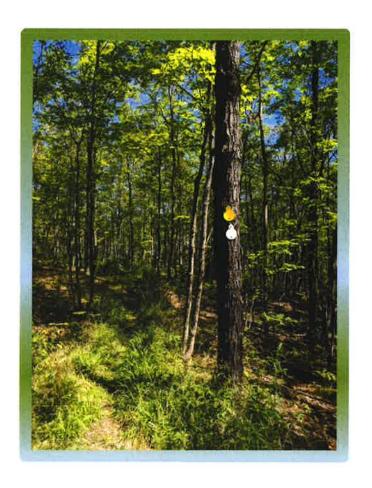
The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) has secured Government of Canada funding via Employment and Social Development Canada to support a "green jobs" program for youth. Officially entitled the Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative, the program provided direct financial support (via wage subsidies) to Elliot Lake for two summer student positions entitled "Fire Ranger Heritage Center Interpreters".



The Department of Recreation and Culture hired Kayleigh and Christian as this summer's Fire Ranger Heritage Centre Interpreters for a period of 16 weeks from May 6 to August 23, 2019.



The students were tasked with creating an interpretive walking trail at the Fire Tower. With the direction of 3 members of the Coureurs de Bois Outdoor Club as well as members of the Penokean Hills Field Naturalists and the assistance of the ATV Club, Kayleigh and Christian researched, mapped out, and developed an easy walking trail.





Kayleigh and Christian also compiled a brochure on the local flora and fauna that appears on the trail (see Appendix A). Each plant has been staked and identified ready for next summers' Stage 2 of this project. Next summer our Interpreters will be able to share their new knowledge with visitors from around the world, as well as Elliot Lake's youngest generation. They will work to engage youth and visitors in conversation about conservation, leave no trace hiking skills, and





Kayleigh's note on he work experience early May I was offered a position in the Recreation and Culture department for the City of Elliot Lake, I was thrilled to learn I would be taking on the job as a Fige Ranger Interpreter. This position offered me a variety of professional experiences and ultimately allowed me to develop a wide range of skills. This past summer I was responsible for blazing a new educational interpretive nature walk designed for children and the elderly. Creating the pature trail required detailed planning and organization such as, mapping out the trail, researching and locating flora in the area, and acquiring materials to perform the tasks. This position also required intense physical labor, clearing trees, and undergrowth laying gravel, building assible stairs, and leveling steep gradients. In addition, this job required a great deal of adaptability, as changes in the weather conditions made changes in planning strategies as necessity, as well a great deal of grit and determination. My work experience as a Fire Ranger Interpreter has made me a detail oriented, creative, efficient, and determined worker with strong problem - 14capable of undertaking complex projects requiring planning and organizational skills."



City Council has outlined in the strategic plan that the City would like to encourage ecotourism, trail maintenance, resource management, and healthy lifestyles. Elliot Lake is a community which is perfectly suited to build up the next generation of environmental leaders. It is our hope that this program will not only benefit the youth we hire, but also encourage a green culture within our community.





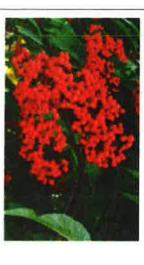
APPENDIX

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Flora

Located throughout the trail

Red Elderberry



Red elderherry (Sambucus racemosa)
Native to Europe, Northern temperate
Asia and North America. It grows in
riparian areas as well as woodlands and
other moist areas, it is a tree like shrub
that grows 2 - 6 meters in height with soft
stems. The inflorescence is composed of 5
to 7 small leaflets, which measure up to 16
on long each, lance shaped to narrowly
oval. When crushed the leaves create a
strong odor behind. Red Elderberry has
been used for Medicine. Sustenance and
decoration, Although it can be dangerous
to consume if not prepared properly.

What is the Trans Canada trail?

Canadians from all regions and all walks of life are helping to build the Trans Canada Trail. When it's finished, the Trail will cross every province and territory, link all 13 provincial and territorial capital cities (as well as almost 1,000 other Canadian communities), and connect our three oceans. It will thread its way through the nation's culture, history and geography.





Trans Canada Trail Elliot Lake, ON





single leaf rising from the ground growing with a fruiting stem, or a stem. The plant appears in two at base. They are not oppressed to the stalkless, oval, and slightly notched and white. Leaves are alternate, clones, the plants spreading by their plants in a location are vegetative deep red in mid-summer. Seed is containing 1 or 2 seeds, these berries and have tepals and four stamens. and has 1 to 3 leaves as well as small evergreen and deciduous trees. It with no fruiting structures. rhizomes, which are shallow, trailing, produced infrequently and most mottled red in early summer and turn when they are ripe. The berries are around late spring to early summer white star shaped flowers above the grows between 10 - 25 cm in height canadense) is a dominant understory forms, either two or three leaves south to Nebraska and Pennsylvania Columbia east to Newfoundland and States, from Yukon and British Canada and the northern United Canada Mayflower (Maianthemum become a translucent red colour They sometimes have small berries leaves. The flowers are produced It can be found growing under both perennial flowering plant, native to the sub-boreal conifer forests in

"Some hikers notice little except the rocks at their feet and the trees in their path, However, if you do start to look around, you may be surprised at how interesting and beautiful the flora really is."

Elliot Lake is a proud supporter of the Trans
Canada trail and hame to one of the Country's
Trans Canada Trail pavillions.



stalk makes appear smaller grows between 20 to 40 cm and near lakes and rivers. It mm. The bells grow in pairs in stature than it truly is. The often matching the shape Twin Flowers are small and Forested areas, meadows pink, only growing 9 - 16 small notch. The bells on leaves grow up to 15 mm although the curve in its differentiated using the long and have a small borealis) are native to circular shape, these flowers are similar to notch in their almost bearberries and are Twin Flower (Linnaea of a "Y"

Wild Sarsaparilla



Wild sarsaparilla (Aralia nudicaulis) are native to northern and eastern North America. It can reach a height of 30-60 cm with creeping underground stems. During the spring the underground stems produce compound leaves that are large and finely toothed. Small white flowers, typically in threes, are the same height as the leaves. The roots have been used to substitute true Sarsaparilla in herbal

Sarsaparilla in herbal medicine. It can sometimes be mistaken for poison ivy ecause of its three leaflets, the way to tell the difference is the smell and subtle physical difference as Wild sarsaparilla lacks a woody smell and fine teeth along the edges of the leaves.

Yarrow



stems can grow between 0.2 yarrow vary between yellow. northern hemisphere. Yarrow white, red and pink and they the stem with the larger ones produce multiple stems. The stem in a spirally way. The stem. The leaves are 5 - 20 cm long and appear on the found evenly distributed on being at the bottom of the 1 m in height. Leaves are temperate regions of the color of the flowers on is an erect, herbaceous, perennial plant that can millefolium) Native to do not fade overtime. Yarrow (Achillea



Wood Fern





Wood Ferns (Dryopteris)
Native to Eastern Asia,
The America's, Europe,
Africa and the pacific
islands. Most ferns have
stout, creeping rootstocks
that form a crown, with a
vase like circle of large
divided leaves or fronds.
Wood Ferns are often
used a decorative plant
in public spaces and
homes.





species of birch. Yellow birch trees have side while being lighter in colour on the leaves are oval shaped with a pointed tip twigs of the tree release a slight smell of bark on the tree is a shiny yellow-bronze but some may even reach 300 years. The a remarkably long lifespan of 150 years, most important lumber species in North base, they grow to be about 5.1-12.7 cm this the other being the sweet birch. The birch is an important lumber species that grows to reach 18-24 m in height and a bottom. Yellow birch is considered the edges and are dark green on the upper and often have a slightly heart shaped species of north American birch to do wintergreen oil when scraped, yellow making it the largest North American long. The leaves have finely serrated typically has small black marks. The trunk with a diameter of 0.61-0.91 m that peels off in fine strips. The bark Native to North America, the yellow America and is the most important birch trees are one of the only two Yellow birch (Betula alleghaniensis) hardware



Star flower (Trientalis borealis)
Native to North America, the Star Flower blooms between May and June. They grow to be about 8 inches tall and has 5 - 9 leaves at the top of the stalk. The flowers themselves extend form the center of the stalk and are made up of 5 - 9 petals that form a star shape



White violets (Viola canadensis) are native to North America, the white violet has white blooms with yellow bases and sometimes purple streaks. The leaves are heart shaped with coarse round teeth. This plants root was once used as a bladder pain reliever. This flower is actually considered endangered in Illinois,



are arranged in a spiraling, alternate fashion a genus of about 80-100 subspecies with the smooth. The many flowers of Spirea plants oval shaped and about 2.5-10 cm long. The parts of the Northern Hemisphere, Spirea is colour. The Spirea plant is often used as an petals are usually white, pink, or reddish in The leaves are simple and short stalked, and plants are hardy, deciduous-leaved shrubs. are usually clustered together. The flower greatest diversity in Eastern Asia. Spirea In most species, the leaves are narrowly Spirea (Spiraea) are native to temperate occasionally cut or lobed, and rarely leaf margins are usually toothed, ornamental plant,



Pixie cup (Cladonia) Pixie cups or cup lichen is a genus of moss-like lichen. They are distinguishable from other forms of lichen due to their cup shaped tips. Pixie cups are the primary source of food for caribou and are also used to create antibiotic

MEAT



shorter and thicker the higher eastern and central Canada, it reaches up to 27 m. The bark medium sized evergreen tree lat and needle-like and grow grey, and with resin blisters notably the most fragrant of Balsam fir (Abies balsamea) that typically reaches 14-20 all Christmas tree varieties. needles of the tree become on young trees is smooth, grow older. The leaves are up to 15-30 mm, they are also dark green in colour most commonly found in Native to North America, fissured or scaly as they and becomes rough and with a notched tip. The m tall but occasionally is celebrated for its rich Balsam fir is a small to green needles and it is they are on the tree.



Speckled alder (Alnus incana) Native to cooler parts of the Northern Hemisphere, the speckled alder is small to medium sized tree at about 15-20 m tall with smooth grey bark. The usual lifespan of Speckled alders is about 60-100 years. The leaves are a matte green, ovoid and about 5-11 cm long. The Speckled alder has a shallow root system. The wood somewhat resembles the Black alder but is slightly paler and has little economic value.



Spruce (Picea) Native to the northern temperate and boreal regions of Earth, Spruces are large trees that grow between 20-60 m tall when mature. Spruce trees can be distinguished from other pine trees by their needles, which are four sided and attached singly to small peg-like structures. The needles shed when they are 4-10 years of age, this leaves the branches rough. Spruces are used as food for larvae of some butterfly and moth species.



growing or creeping shrubs; for the Northern Hemisphere, most commonly elongated, but may willows are usually extremely which is heavily charged with sallow. Some willows are low but some narrow-leaved shrub species are known as willows, cold and temperate regions of also be oval, frequently with abundantly watery bark sap, which rarely grows past 6 cm species are also called osiers Willow (Salix alba) Native to tough and large. The leaves salicylic acid. The roots of in height. Willows all have example, the dwarf willow species are referred to as and some broader-leaved serrated edges.

Summer Quarterly Report By TERESA DUNLOP Director of Recreation & Culture

10 September 2019



Special Events

- Bobby Alexander Roast on April 18th had 150 attendees
- Police Week brought in 200 visitors on May 22nd
- -The Uranium Heritage Days began with Decommissioned Mine Tours June 25th & June 27th hosting **44** participants.

Ruben Yli-Juuti Centre

A survey of all our Aqua-fit Classes was conducted for 2 weeks in May – see attached.

There were 29
memberships sold
in May....that's
almost 1 per day!

Spruce and Spine Waterfronts open on June 29th

Throughout the first 2 days, Spine Beach saw 88 people and Spruce Beach saw 421!

Theatre at Collins Hall		<u>Participants</u>
Bob Cates: "Comedy in Motion"	April 1st	120
Exceptional Puppeteers: "What a Wonderful World"	April 3 rd	201
North Shore Parents for Dance	April 6 th	250
Exceptional Puppeteers: "What a Wonderful World"	May 3 rd	85
Exceptional Puppeteers: "What a Wonderful World"	May 5 th	115
Stompin' Tom Connors: "Stories & Songs"	May 9 th	274
A Night with Conway	May 28 th	125
"For Love of Music" Concert	June 1 st	150
Studio Dance Arts - LIVE 2019!	June 8 th	348
Stage Door Players Variety Show / Festival	June 30 th ੂ	300
		1,968

There was a total of 13 rehearsal dates for the above shows, with a total of 330 performers in attendance.



Collins Hall

PARTICIPACTION and Algoma Public Health helped to host the "Every Step Counts Challenge" –see attached flyer.



WINNERS

Dinner for Two

Pier 17 – Louise Anderson walked to Blind River Laurentian Lodge – Andrea Leddy reached the lodge Dunlop Lodge – Jeff Corminer hiked to Dunlop

Algoma Public Health Gift Bags went to:

Shirley Nancy Ray Rochon

average # of "walkers" per month participated in the Walking Program

athletes participated in various youth sports for April and May (June closed for the summer.)

community rentals & 4 private rentals





Tourist Trailer / Fire Tower / Trailhead Information Centres

The Fire Tower Lookout Station stepped up to the plate to showcase some of our museum artifacts visitors - **572** to be exact!

794 people have visited the Welcome Centre at both the Collins Hall and the Tourist Information trailer at Westview Park.

Westview Park and Trailer Park

- 54 Park rentals in May and June
- Total campsite rentals in May and June.

 There was an average stay of 2.45 days in May and 4.12 days in June.

Most campers were very thankful for the later hours and convenience of having the Welcome Centre Trailer right at the park!

Summer Day Camp

Two separate programs were offered to accommodate age appropriate activities. The 5-7-year-old program was located at Rio Den Arena, and the 8-12-year-old program was at the Collins Hall.

20 Punch Cards were sold in June.

Ball Diamonds

Baseball season opened and leagues of all ages began practicing and started season play.

315 total hours were used in May and June;

122 hours at Parsons Park and

108 hours at Burley II Field.



Aquafit Survey

TOTALS

Circle the class(es) you attend:

Morning Aquafit

Evening Aquafit

Deep Water Aquafit

Arthritis Program

Silver Dolphins

On average, how many days per week do attend these classes?

1 or less

2-3

4 or more

44.670

55.4%

Please circle your satisfaction for the following:

(1 being very poor and 5 being excellent):

	Very Poor	Poor 2	Adequate	Well	Excellent 4.6 5	
Instructor			3	4		
Variety of Routine	1	2	3	4		5
Type of Music	1	2	3	4	4.1	5
Intensity of Exercises	1	2	3	4	4.3	5
Pool Temperature	1	2	3	3.5 4	T TOTAL	5
Overall Workout	1	2	3	4	4.3	5

What do you enjoy most from the class(es)?

Good exercise! (x11)

Enjoy meeting people & socializing (x7)

Instructors are informative (x5)

Great class! (x3)

What improvements can you suggest for the class(es)?

Different exercises & more use of equipment (x16)

Music too loud (x8)

Shorter cool-down period (x5)

Pool is too cold (x3)

Other comments about the classes?

"Grateful" "Affordable" "Friendly" "Fun" "Challenging" "Refreshed"

"It's improving my lifestyle" "Very helpful" "Love it all!"