

Special Meeting of TIRRA Executive
Thursday, April 21, 2016, 7 PM, the Hunter Room

Topic: An offer by Bill and Ann Dickie to extend the Community Trail with a loop of their property.

Present were:

Invited guests: Bill and Ann Dickie

TIRRA exec: S. Downey-President, R. Spencer-VP, C. Hess-Secretary, E. Hunter-Treasure, A. Keir-Trails, G. Shelford-Highways, V. Walker and Stephanie Cottell, Recycle Yard.

Bill and Ann presented their vision and proposal for TIRRA to construct and maintain an offshoot loop to the existing community trail, to be located on 3 sides of their property and be connected to the existing trail on the 4th (west) side of their property. The proposed route would pass through a variety of habitat allowing residents to view vegetation and wildlife perhaps not otherwise seen on Thetis. The Dickies presented detailed maps, a wonderful picture tour and lots of information about the work required to complete the trail expansion. Andy Kier and Vicki Walker had done walks to see the possibilities. The new trail, when completed, would be approximately 1.35 kms.

Many questions and much discussion occurred before Ann and Bill left the meeting.

Moved by Stu, seconded by Andy: That TIRRA Exec pursue the Dickie's offer and gather further information. Passed unanimously.

Both during the visit and after, there was much discussion of leasing, licensing, responsibilities, insurance, rules, financing and the need for volunteers.

For the 2nd June exec meeting:

- Andy will gather costing estimates for the project including, fencing, trail bed, gates, and boardwalks plus investigate leasing vs licensing options.
- Rob Spencer to investigate any available grants from various levels of government.
- Ernie to determine financial costs for liability insurance coverage for both, existing community trail plus the addition of the proposed loop.

The meeting was adjourned 8:35 PM
Claire Hess, Secretary