



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 1, 2008

Pete Palangio Arena Boardroom  
603 Wallace Road, North Bay

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Turner, Treasurer	David Thompson, Member-at-Large
Sharon Kitlar, Member-at-Large	Mike Martel, Member-at-Large
Walter Reich, Member-at-Large	Vic Trahan, Member-at-Large

### REGRETS:

Mark King, Chair	Susan Christian, Secretary
Bill Beckett, Past Chair	Laurie Bachelder, Member-at-Large

### ALSO PRESENT:

Jennifer McCourt, Program Manager      Julia Hogan, Public Relations Coordinator

#### 1. Welcome

Ken Turner chaired the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

#### 2. Adoption of minutes of May 21, 2008

*Resolution No. 01-10-01-08 Trahan/Reich*

“That the minutes of the May 21, 2008 Executive Committee Meeting be accepted as written.”

#### 3. Correspondence

Four correspondence were received – summary attached

Resulting in the approval for funding for the Trails Awareness Campaign by TD Friends of the Environment Fund, Discovery Routes was able to attend the South River Festival of the Arts, the Magnetawan Fall Fair, the Magnetawan 5km Run, and the “Callander Goes Green” event this summer. Due to the timing of the approval, Discovery Routes was not able to visit other communities this summer. It is anticipated that events like Mattawa’s Voyageur Days and North Bay’s Summer in the Park will be attended in 2009.

Regarding the City of North Bay’s Parks Plan, the first draft is available to the public for review and feedback is welcome. Jennifer will forward the Plan to those interested.

#### 4. Trans Canada Trail Progress Report

The gates to the Trans Canada Trail are now officially open, and trail signage is in place. Discovery Routes is planning to host a grand opening event in the spring of 2009. An ad hoc committee will be formed to help plan this event. It was suggested that the new trail be named in honour of an Olympian or other public figure from the Callander area, which could help increase public interest in the event as well as in the trail itself.

## **5. Voyer Trail Action Plan**

Members of Discovery Routes visited the existing Voyer Trail to determine the feasibility of the trail project and examine routing options to that avoids all private property. It will be difficult to re-route the trail in a cost-effective manner, and Discovery Routes will continue to examine various options available. There is potential for Discovery Routes to partner with the Friends of La Vase group who have agreements with landowners in the area.

## **6. Pathways for Learning**

Discovery Routes received approval for a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the Communities in Action Fund to create and implement curriculum-based lesson plans in partnership with the Near North District School Board and the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority. Discovery Routes will apply for a lottery license in order to raise money to direct to the Pathways for Learning program. Four trails, including the Voyer Trail and the Trans Canada Trail, will be chosen, and lesson plans will be created based on unique features and themes for each trail.

## **7. Financial Report**

An Income Statement and Balance Sheet covering the period from the last Executive Committee meeting until October 1, 2008 are attached.

Discovery Routes would like to develop a partnership with the North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce where Discovery Routes would provide a service in order to decrease the cost of rent.

The following resolution was carried:

*Resolution No. 02-10-01-08 Martel/Trahan*

“That the financial report be approved as presented.”

## **8. Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the evening of November 26, 2008 or November 27, 2008 at the Corbeil Park Hall. Discovery Routes will be looking for a guest speaker to help draw participants to the meeting. Details will be forthcoming.

## **9. New Business**

The Executive was updated on the Booth Road trail project. Work has started with the City’s engineers, and the route has been plotted out. Fill is being taken from construction on Hammond Street, and it is being used on Booth Road. The City of North Bay would like to apply to the Trans Canada Trail Foundation for funding for this project. The Foundation is considering an increase in funding from 20% to 50% of approved expenditures.

The City is putting together a proposal to build a bridge over the La Vase River in Champlain Park, which could result in a trail being built in the area to eventually connect to the Cranberry Trail.

Former Tourism Minister will be visiting North Bay at the end of October to discuss a tourism plan being developed. There is an opportunity for those in the tourism industry to apply to make a presentation during the visit. The information will be forwarded to Discovery Routes.

## **10. Adjournment**

*Resolution No. 03-01-10-08 Martel/Reich*

“That the meeting be adjourned.”