

Crysler's walking and bicycle path

Minutes from the first meeting held on the 8th of Nov.2010

19h-21h50

Present

André Lavictoire

Denise Bourdeau

Elaine Lavictoire

Lorraine Bourdeau

Mike Lapp

Shirley Racine, our guest, a resident from the Municipality of the Nation in Limoges has come to share some experiences. Their citizen's comitee has already developed a bicycle path of 1.5 km.

First steps to take towards achieving our goal

Reasons which would justify such a need in Cryslser.

The children of Cryslser have no bicycle path. They ride their bikes on the streets. We need to develop strategies to encourage the young and the older to exercise and choose positive alternatives towards an active life. Many residents love to walk but we have no nature path. We have a place, New York Central Line but it is not always well cared for. The elderly and the young families, the people who run for the pleasure need a place to walk and run if they wish. We can also go snowshoing in the winter and cross country ski. We all need a secure place! A place which is clean and well kept, a place that will encourage everyone to exercise alone or in groups, such as the walking group formed by the Centre de santé de l'Estrie. They had started walking there but the path needed maintenance.

We are lucky, our environment is beautiful since we have the possibility for such a path on the New York Central Ligne. The proximity to the Nation river is also a factor to consider.

Vision

Elaborate and establish a vision of the bicycle and walking path that we wish to develop on the old NYC Line and also in some designated areas in town.

On becoming a recognized group

Find a way to have our group recognized by the North Stormont Municipality. We have no one appointed by ward so we need to find out who is designated to look after the needs of the people of Cryslser.

Need to find local social groups of residents who will collaborate and give their support to this initiative. The Cryslser Firemen, Knights of Columbus, Dames de l'Union Culturelle, Optimist Club and the Community Centre were among those cited as possible future collaborators.

Establish an estimated cost of the project

After the vision has been well discussed and planned, we will need to find professionals, ingenir or architects that are willing to help us evaluate the costs of the project. We wish to approach the Municipality so as to collaborate together. We need their implication, their knowledge and expertise to guide us toward the realisation of our shared vision.

Financing our project and establishing a budget

Possible alternatives for financing from sources such as:

Trillium

New Horizons

Money, time or work done by our municipality.

Fundraising in the community for our common project

Canada Post

Home Hardware

Nevada

National Bank

Royal Bank

Caisse Populaire

Scotia Bank

Human ressources that can possibly help us get organised

Shirley Racine a Limoges resident involved in the Citizen Comity suggested we get in touch with François Sigouin president of the Citizen Comity in Limoges and Rachelle Desnoyers treasurer of the Citizen Comity from Limoges. Denise has agreed to do so.

The South Nation Conservation should be able to help us!

Distribution of tasks before our next meeting

Mike Lapp

Develop a vision of the future bicycle and walking path in writing and with a plan

André & Elaine Lavictoire

Approach the Crysler Post Master to see if Canada Post has special promotions to help the community.

Investigate on the web for more informations concerning Rails to Trails in Guelph.

Get in touch with Jean Larocque to see if he would join our group.

Lorraine Fourdeau

Find out from the Municipality who is the counselor responsible for Crysler. We would preferably need someone who is bilingual.

Denise Bourdeau

Get in touch with François Sigouin and Rachelle Desnoyers so as to see if we can meet with them

Write the notes from the meeting in french and in english.

Get in touch with Martine Provost, a very active resident of Crysler, which could represent the Optimist Club, to see if she would join our group. She is willing to join our group.

Jean-François Pagé from the Centre de Santé de l'Estrie has been asked to join us at our next meeting.

Next scheduled meeting

Monday the 15th of Nov. at Denise Bourdeau's place at 47 Queen St. The meeting will be held from 19h-21h. All our meetings should not last more than two hours, everything should be shared during this time. If we have not finished discussing we will need to report it to the next meeting. This way we might keep our volunteers for a longer period, hopefully.

The responsibilities will be shared between the members present.

If a person cannot attend a meeting he or she is responsible to inform the others ahead of time so that our time and efforts are well spent!

Thank you for your time and effort toward this vision!

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Thought of the day

We are working together in a positive way to better our community. If we have a positive approach we will be stronger and we shall succeed !

Agenda

1. Read the notes taken from the last meeting.
2. Accept the agenda and add subjects to be discussed if we have the time.
3. Lorraine Bourdeau - (information concerning the council member that could work with us)
4. André & Elaine Lavicoire - research on trails
5. Mike Lapp - Share his work concerning the vision
6. Denise Bourdeau - Discussion with François Sigouin and Rachelle Desnoyers
7. A word from Jean-François, from Le Centre de santé de l'Estrie
8. A word from Jean Larocque
9. A word from Martine Provost
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11. Actions to be taken before the next meeting -
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12. Distribution of tasks
13. Next meeting