Friends of the Kimberley Forest Committee - 2018 Meeting Summary TD

#### **February**

- Feb 3 meeting with Grey Highlands CAO re: plans for Kimberley Forest was reviewed
- Discussed potential Founding and Supporting Partners
- Began recording volunteer in-kind hours for grant applications
- MNRF Officer Tyler Salzbury described his responsibilities and experiences
- Jason Petznick introduced to committee to assist with web site and social media
- Potential funding sources reviewed, application to MEC to be prepared

#### March

- Agreement to proceed with contracting Treadscape to undertake a trail assessment
- <u>www.KimberleyForest.ca</u> web site registered
- Meeting with Klondyke Trail Groomers (snowmobile) club reviewed

## April

- Discussed benefits of Indigenous relationships
- GSCA plaque location to be determined
- Trail erosion and damaged sections to be identified for closure due to safety and rehabilitation

### May

- Trail Closure signs setup on over 20 trail sections
- Press release issued re: trail closures, posted on web site
- FKF plan to meet with MNRF management team for an onsite review of trail network
- MGH have installed a "No Mechanized" sign at GR 31 right-a-away entrance
- Website design and Kimberley Forest logos were reviewed
- MEC funding application rejected as we are "supported" by a government body
- MNRF student (labour) scheduled for July

#### June

- MNRF staff trail review scheduled for July 10
- Trail review agenda and plan discussed
- www.KimberleyForest.ca website now live

# July

- Speaker- Doran Richie, Saugeen Ojibway Nation
- Initial 3 Level Trail proposed; top, mid and bottom
- Deep grass requires a grass cutter to maintain year round trails at top (Nordic) and bottom
- "Stay on Marked Trails" signage discussed
- Trail Head signage and estimated costs discussed
- Parking and trail head locations discussed
- Invite to be extended to Indigenous community leader

# August

• No meeting scheduled

# September

- Funding alternative from Ontario Trails Association discussed
- Decision to rent self-power grass cutter prior to purchasing a DR Grass Trimmer

## October

• Oct 2 - Planning meeting with CAO Grey Highlands