

# Riverdale Farm Stewardship Group – Minutes of Meeting

Date: 13 January 2014

Location: Simpson House

Present: Anne Pastuszak (Chair), Ahsan Mirza, Brad Savage, Sarah Rea, Steven McCahon,, Gia Jobe, Mark Hawkins, Cassie Scott

Regrets: Carol Guy, Danielle Goldfinger, George Rust-D'Eye; Sean McIntyre

Guests: None

## 1. Approval of Agenda

Approved

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Approved with correction from west to east end of Francey Barn for proposed Grain Farmers addition

## 3. Grain Farmers of Ontario Update

- Discussion on the proposal for an addition to the Francey Barn are ongoing
- Costs are being determined
- Issues raised by Toronto Heritage Services are being discussed

## 4. Farmers' Market

- Updating application forms for farmers and vendors for distribution
- Government of Ontario VQA wines rule change – Bylaws may affect inviting wineries to sell at the market
- Possible internship to assist in market organization held over to February meeting

## 5. Welcome Centre

- Anne and Carol met on site with a local contractor who is interested in providing pro bono construction services, limited to non-structural renovations
- Discussed possible design charette (collaborative gathering) with local architects to present their vision for the design of the Welcome Centre
- Black Creek Pioneer Village fact finding underway for suggested items to sell and operation methods

## 6. Farm Map Proposal

- Six proposals were presented for a souvenir map to guide visitors around the farm and voted on by RFSG members
- First Choice: Proposal from Tim Zeitner of i2i Art. Inc. was selected, subject to clarification of restrictions by the artist on rights to map use after three years have passed

- Second Choice: Proposal from Unique Media Inc. with stipulation by the group that the price must be significantly reduced
- Third Choice: Proposal from Matt Dupuis
- A work-back schedule is anticipated by the February RFSG meeting

## **7. Other Business**

- Steven presented several points regarding farm operation. Those include:
- Accessibility of the site and buildings
- Energy efficiency
- Building uses
- Maintenance and upkeep
- Urban micro-farming
- The UN Food and Agriculture Organization
- Liaising with educational agriculture groups with Riverdale Farm as a resource centre
- Forming an incorporated not-for-profit board to oversee RFSG activities

## **8. Parking Lot**

- Volunteers
- Investigation of potential satellite Loblaw's Cooking School at Farm once renewed kitchen and Grain Farmers classroom structure are in place

## **Next Meeting**

Monday, February 10, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

8:30 p.m.