

Treetop Trekking at Binbrook Conservation Area

Zoning By-Law Amendment
Public Meeting – September 18th, 2018



Context



Binbrook Conservation Area

- Large, highly visited Conservation Area southwest of Binbrook
- Fishing, beach, splash pad, canoe rentals, hiking
- Treetop Trekking aerial course will offer an additional way to experience nature within the conservation area



Application



Treetop Trekking



Environmental Impact Statement

Wetlands

- All ground oriented infrastructure is outside the 15m Vegetation Protection Zone.
- No aerial courses cross the wetlands, only the wetland buffer area (VPZ)

Species at Risk

- Several SAR bats were found in the area
- No development near suitable bat cavities
- Construction outside of breeding bird and bat season only

MNRF, ESAIEG, NPCA has all review the EIS and proposed development, and are all satisfied

Environmental Impact Statement

Tree Preservation Plan

- Tree removal will occur; some due to their condition, other due to being within the course area
- Trees removed will be compensated just west of the aerial courses to expand the footprint of the forest

Monitoring Plan

- 5 year monitoring plan carried out by the NPCA to assess any impacts on wildlife and vegetation

Zoning By-law Amendment

- To add the specific aerial course and treewalk village use
- To allow to proposed administrative building, to a maximum of 150 square metres
- No additional commercial recreational uses will be permitted

Agree with the Staff recommendation.

Respectfully request Planning Committee to support the recommendation as the proposal is:

- ✓ Consistent with the PPS (2014),
- ✓ Consistent with the Greenbelt Plan (2017),
- ✓ Conforms with the RHOP,
- ✓ Appropriate recreational use.