



Staff Report

Community Services

Report To: Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date: January 14, 2019
Report Number: CSPW.19.005
Subject: Georgian Trail Annual Operations Report
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSPW.19.005, entitled “Georgian Trail Annual Operations Report” for information purposes.

B. Overview

The Georgian Trail Annual Operations Report is required to be brought forward to each of the three participating partner municipal Councils. The purpose of the report is to update Council on the maintenance and operations specific to the Georgian Trail.

C. Background

This report is the second Georgian Trail Annual Operations Report since the Georgian Trail Board of Management was dissolved in early 2017. Staff from each of the three participating partner municipalities have contributed to the summary of work completed on the Georgian Trail in 2018.

D. Analysis

Municipality of Meaford (Kilometer 1 to Kilometer 7.2) 22% of trail

Work and Inspections Completed:

- Monthly trail inspections from May – November
- Brushing and canopy maintenance between Trowbridge and Swathmore Drive
- Three cuts of grass along trail
- Stone dust maintenance around bridges and culverts
- Noxious weed control

Town of The Blue Mountains (Kilometers 7.2 to Kilometer 27.7) 62% of trail

Work and Inspections Completed

General Operations

- Monthly inspections completed from April 1 to November 1
- Three cuts of grass along trail including trimming around benches
- Contracted by the Municipality of Meaford to cut the grass on their section of the trail
- Removal of dead trees along section of trail running parallel to high Bluff Lane in Thornbury
- Noxious weed control program (June)
- Post windstorm tree removal along sections of trail
- Due to internal staff transitions within Community Services, no trail counters were installed in 2018, however, trail counters will be installed during the summer in 2019

Maintenance and Repair Works

- Top dressed trail section from Christie Beach Road to Lora bay Drive
- Installed bicycle repair stations at Bruce Street Parkette in Thornbury and at County Road 19 in Craiglieth at the Craiglieth Heritage Depot
- Installed bollards at the County road 19 crossing and at Bruce Street and Mill Street crossings
- Removed established vegetation and top dressed trail form McCauley Street to Elgin Street in Thornbury
- Planted 250 seedlings along section of trail by Georgian Peaks
- Started the removal of Ash trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer starting at Grey Road 21
- Removal of dead and hazardous trees along various locations of the trail
- Cleaned bridge decks at Little River and Indian Brook bridges
- Installed waterfront trail signs along sections of the trail from Christie Beach Road to Grey Road 21

Town of Collingwood (Kilometer 27.7 to Kilometer 33.0) 16% of trail

Work and Inspections Completed

- Monthly inspections completed from April 1 to November 1
- Three cuts of grass along trail including trimming around benches
- In partnership with the Georgian Trail Cycle and Ski Association installed one concrete pad for a bench
- Post windstorm tree removal along sections of the trail

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

Goal #1: Create Opportunities for Sustainability

Objective #5 Improved Visibility and Local Identity

Goal #2: Engage Our Communities & Partners

Objective #1 Improve External Communication with our Constituents

Objective #3 Strengthen Partnerships

Goal #3: Support Healthy Lifestyles

Objective #1 Promote the Town as a Healthy Community

Objective #4 Commit to Sustainability

Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational & Operational Excellence

Objective #3 To Consistently Deliver Excellent Customer Service

Objective #4 To Be a Financially Responsible Organization

Objective #5 Constantly Identify Opportunities to Improve Efficiencies and Effectiveness

Goal #5: Ensure Our Infrastructure is Sustainable

Objective #1 Develop a Long-Term Asset Management Plan for the Maintenance, Renewal and Replacement of Existing Infrastructure

Objective #2 Avoid Unexpected Infrastructure Failure and Associated Costs and Liability

Objective #3 Implement Best Practices in Sustainable Infrastructure

F. Environmental Impacts

All activities are completed with as little environmental impact as possible.

G. Financial Impact

Municipality of Meaford: General Operations \$6,000
(17% of total)

Town of The Blue Mountains:

Recorded expense of \$24,207 for 2018 operating season

General operations \$7,000 – Maintenance and Repair works \$17,207
(69% of total)

Town of Collingwood: General operations \$5,000
(14% of total)

TOTAL: \$35,207

H. In consultation with

Municipality of Meaford

The Town of The Blue Mountains

Town of Collingwood

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. Comments regarding this report should be submitted to Terry Green, Manager of Parks and Trails at parkstrails@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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