



Date: November 29, 2023

- To: Municipal Council
- cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Councillor Rhyno, Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Chairperson

RE: Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Report

The Committee held its regular meeting November 21, 2023 in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. NOT-FOR-PROFIT INSURANCE GRANT UPDATE

In February 2023, Council approved the Not-for-Profit Insurance Grant Policy for a stand-alone insurance grant program for not-for-profit organizations in East Hants, with the program beginning April 2023. The initial response has been positive and the requests have exceeded the initial budget.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that \$9500 from General Government Reserve be added to the Not-for-Profit Insurance Grant Program to meet the demand of this new grant program in 2023/2024.

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. MEADOWVIEW WAY OPEN SPACE SECONDARY ENTRANCE/EXIT:

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee considered the possible disposal of a portion of PID 45354677 and the intent of the recommendation was to proceed with the disposal process. The motion made at Committee was to directly declare the property surplus, but there is a public engagement process that must occur first. As such, staff suggest the following motion:

That Council approve the intent to declare surplus the section of PID 45354677 required for the future public road between Meadow View Way and the proposed development on PID 45333333, and that the public process for declaring Open Space land as surplus begin.

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. TRAIL AGREEMENT & NAMING, COTTAGE COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT

The Tony Borovsky Memorial Trails Association has requested to enter into an agreement with the Municipality of East Hants for the stewardship of and naming of the trails within the Cottage Country development in Long Lake, East Uniacke.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends that Council authorize the CAO to enter into an agreement with the Tony Borovsky Memorial Trails Association for the operations and maintenance of trails on PID 45392578 in accordance with the Cottage Country Development Agreement and Open Space Agreement; and, that Council authorize the CAO to approve naming of the trails on PID 45392578 in alignment with the guidelines in Council's Park Naming Policy.

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

4. FORMER DAR RAIL LINE UPDATE

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommend that Council give the CAO direction to engage in discussions with the Fundy ATV Club or newly formed entity representing multi-modal groups to entertain a longer-term management and maintenance agreement that would be brought back to Council for the 8 km section of the former DAR Line lands from Kennetcook to Trenholm Road.

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

As Chair of the Committee, I move the adoption of this report.