



Subject: *Trail Agreement Amendment, Cottage Country Development, Long Lake, East Uniacke*

To: Corporate & Residential Services Committee

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Related Motions: C12(348), C23(380)

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Summary

In November 2023, Council authorized the CAO to enter into a trail agreement with The Tony Borovsky Memorial Trails Association (the “Trails Association”) for the operations and maintenance of trails on PID 45392578 in accordance with the Cottage Country Development Agreement and Open Space Agreement. A Trail Agreement was entered into on May 7, 2024 and is effective for a term of ten years, plus renewal terms.

The Trails Association has indicated their interest in moving forward with extending the trail system onto PID 45392586, per the Development Agreement and Open Space Agreement. This report requests an amendment to the 2024 agreement to include the additional trail section.

Financial Impact Statement

There are no immediate financial impacts associated with the adoption of this report.

Recommendation

Staff recommend amending the Trail Agreement to include the trail section on PID 45392586.

Recommended Motion

Move that the Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommend that Council authorize the CAO to enter into an agreement amendment with the Tony Borovsky Memorial Trails Association for the operations and maintenance of trails on PID 45392586 in accordance with the Cottage Country Development Agreement and Open Space Agreement.

Background

In 2012, motion C12(348) re-confirmed approval of the Cottage Country Development Agreement (“DA”). In 2013 East Hants entered into a DA with 3230255 Nova Scotia Limited (the “Developer”). In 2014 an Open Space Agreement further outlined the Developer’s open space commitments. In 2023, Council approved an extension of development timelines under the DA until January 2028.

The Trails Association was established to manage and operate trails required under the DA and Open Space (OS) Agreement. The Trails Association access community grants to support their trail operations. The trails are open to the public.

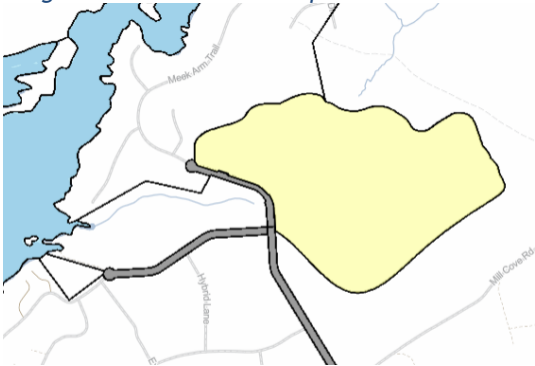
In 2023, motion C23(380) authorized the CAO to enter into an agreement with the Trails Association for the operations and maintenance of trails on PID 45392578. The agreement was fully executed on May 7, 2024.

Image 1 - Existing Trails are Located on PID 45392578



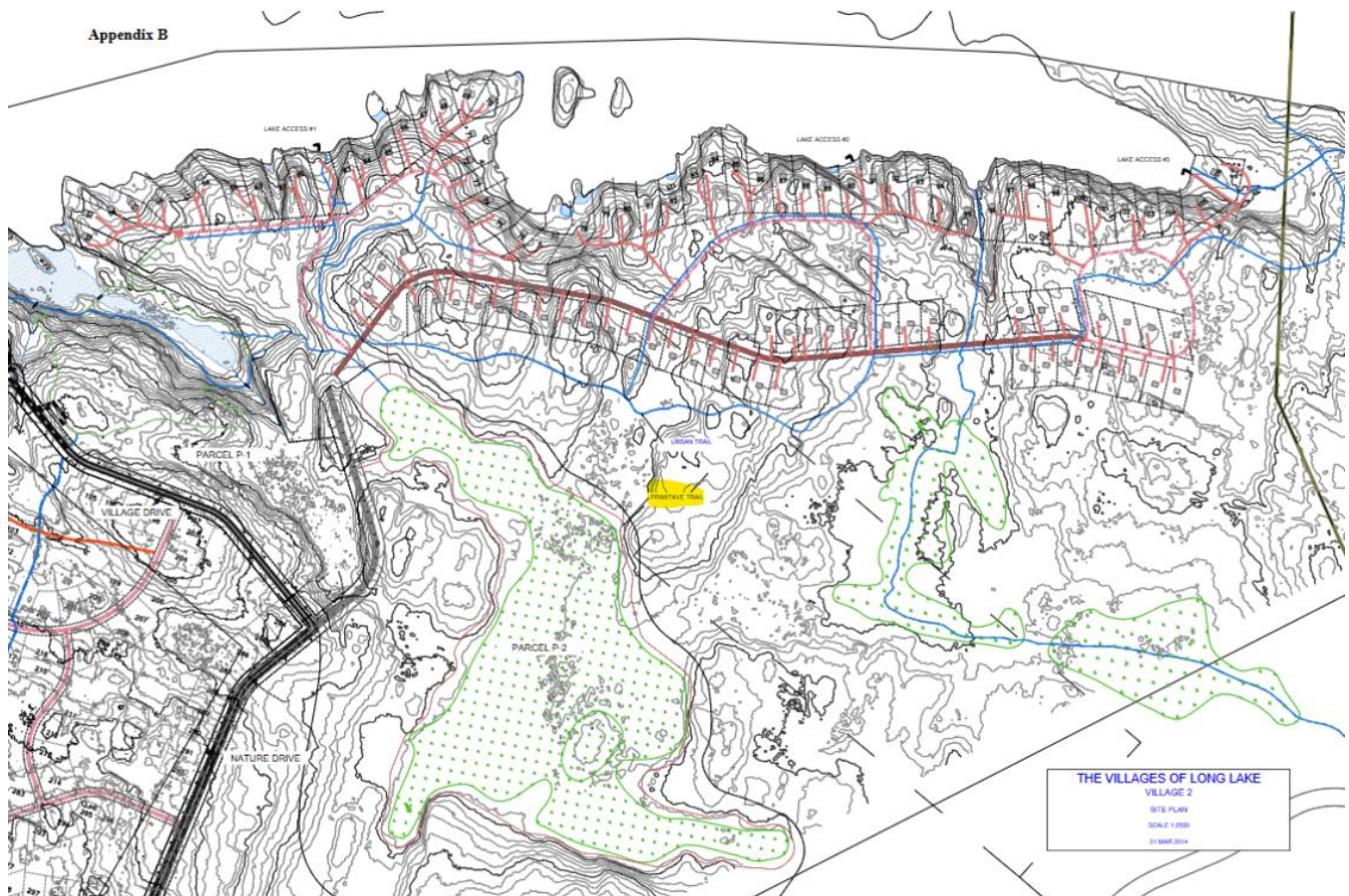
In March 2026, through staff, the Trails Associated requested an extension of the agreement to include the trail section on PID 45392586, to allow the group to extend and maintain the additional trail network.

Image 1 - New Trails are Proposed on PID 45392586



This is alignment with the 2014 Open Space Agreement. The extended trails are illustrated in the below image, labeled as the 'primitive trail' in red circumnavigating Parcel 2.

Image 2 - OS Agreement Appendix B, Illustrating Location of New Trails on PID 45392586 (Labelled as Parcel 2)



Discussion

Staff are supportive of the request and recommend the additional PID be added as an amendment to the existing agreement.

Summary of the current agreement:

- Term: ten years, began May 7, 2024
- Renewal Term: mutual agreement for as many further terms of five years
- Acceptable Uses: walking, running, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and bicycling
- Trails Association must develop trails in accordance with the Nova Scotia Trails Manual and the requirements of the DA.
- Construction of any new trails or major improvements to existing trails must be approved in writing by East Hants.
- Trails Association is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of trails.
- Trail naming must be in compliance with Council's Park Naming Policy.

Alternatives

None.

Attachments

None.