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**Peterborough**

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**To:** **Members of the Committee of the Whole**

**From:** **Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services**

**Meeting Date:** **September 5, 2017**

**Subject:** **Report CSRS17-005**  
**Disbursement of the 2015-16 Tollington Parks Endowment Fund**

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## **Purpose**

A report to seek approval to allocate the 2015 and 2016 disbursements from the Tollington Parks Endowment Fund, to support the installation of a pedestrian signal and realignment of the Rotary Greenway Trail crossing on Parkhill Road, by Benson Avenue.

## **Recommendation**

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSRS17-005 dated September 5, 2017, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the 2015 and 2016 disbursements of the Tollington Parks Endowment Fund, in the amount of \$166,158.73, be designated to support the realignment of the Rotary Greenway Trail and installing a mid-block pedestrian signal at Parkhill Road.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of this report. The Tollington Parks Endowment funds in the amount of \$166,158.73 have been received by the City. The remainder of the costs can be

accommodated in the uncommitted balance of the 2017 Capital Budget for Various New Multi-Use Trails (Project Reference 5-5.01). Council approved funds from that Capital budget to be applied to this project, as per the recommendations of Report USTR17-012, dated May 29, 2017.

## Background

### History of the Tollington Parks Endowment Fund

The Tollington Parks Endowment Fund was established in 1996 by Gordon Tollington, a citizen of Peterborough, to provide financial resources to improve public parkland. The Endowment Fund Agreement clearly articulates the intent and use of the Fund as follows:

- To keep invested the TOLLINGTON PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND or the amount thereof remaining from time to time and to pay there from annually so much of the income as, in the discretion of the Trustees, is required or beneficial for the maintenance, improvement, beautification, operation and expansion of public parks open to members of the public without charge, and to include but not be limited to open parkland, public zoological or botanical gardens, waterfront parks and general recreational areas and facilities located in the municipal boundaries of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough as they may exist from time to time.
- It is not the intention of the Settlor that the income from the TOLLINGTON PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND shall operate so as to relieve the taxpayers of the City of Peterborough of normal budgetary payments for Parks purposes as provided in the years gone by, but to, in fact, supplement the income of the City so as to provide a high standard of park services to the people of the City of Peterborough....
- The Trustees shall not be required to expend all of the income from the TOLLINGTON PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND annually and in the event that all of the net income from the TOLLINGTON PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND is not expended in any year, the same may, in the Trustees discretion, either be capitalized or expended as income in the following year or years provided that any income not expended within five years from the date of its receipt shall, in any event be capitalized, and provided that after a date of twenty-one (21) years from the date of the death of the Settlor all income shall be paid to the City and used for the purposes set out in sub-paragraph (a)....

- The Trustees may, in their absolute discretion, after twenty (20) years from the date of this agreement, pay all or such part as they think fit of the capital of the TOLLINGTON PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND to the City for the purpose of the acquisition and development of additional Public parks or making improvements to existing public parks within the then existing municipal boundaries for the City or its successors.

From its inception in 1996, the Tollington Parks Endowment Fund has provided funding support for projects such as the Tollington Bridge in Beavermead Park, the construction of the Rotary Trail Bridge at Trent University, and the splash pad projects at Rogers Cove and Kinsmen Park.

### **Recommended Project**

In 2016, the Tollington Trustees approved the City's request to combine the 2015 and 2016 disbursements, to use to toward a future trail project. Staff from the Community Services, Utility Services, and Planning departments reviewed potential trail projects that were ready to move forward. Staff identified the realignment of the trail crossing and implementation of a pedestrian signal at the Rotary Greenway Trail Link crossing at Parkhill Road as the priority project to apply the Tollington funds to.

The increased pedestrian and cyclist volume combined with the increasing vehicle volume on Parkhill Road resulted in few safe crossing opportunities and a number of pedestrian/cyclist collisions have occurred where the trail users currently cross Parkhill Road. The implementation of a mid-block pedestrian signal at this crossing will improve connectivity in the trail network, improve safety, and enhance trail user's experience. Council has already approved that this project move forward as per the recommendations of Report USTR17-012, dated May 29, 2017.

### **Approval from Council and the Tollington Park Endowment Fund Trustees**

In accordance with the Trust Agreement, all projects funded by the Endowment must meet with the approval of Council, and the Trustees of the Endowment Fund. The project has been presented to the Tollington Trustees. On July 11, 2017, City Staff received written notification from the Trustees that the funding was approved to support the Rotary Greenway Trail realignment and signalized pedestrian crossing project. The City has received the cheques for the 2015 and 2016 disbursements, totalling \$166,158.73.

## **Summary**

The Tollington Parks Endowment Fund was established to provide financial resources to the City to improve public parks and general recreational areas and facilities. The realignment of the trail and implementation of a mid-block pedestrian signal at this

crossing will improve connectivity in the trail network, improve safety, and enhance trail user's experience. The Tollington Trustees support the funds being allocated as recommended in this report.

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