



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** **Members of the General Committee**

**From:** **Richard Freymond  
Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services**

**Meeting Date:** **May 11, 2020**

**Subject:** **Report CLSFS20-023  
Donations to Trail System**

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## **Purpose**

A report to recommend Council accept the donations of a trail linking Firwood Drive, Roper Drive and Parkhill Road as well as the donation of lighting along the Rotary Greenway Trail, and approve the issuing of income tax receipts for donations made to the City of Peterborough for these projects.

## **Recommendations**

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CLSFS20-023 dated May 11, 2020, of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services, as follows:

- a) That with respect to the installation of lighting on the Rotary Greenway Trail between Hunter Street and Douro Street:
  - i. The project be deemed to be in the City of Peterborough's interest; and
  - ii. That the City accept the donation of lighting and provide charitable donation receipts to be issued through the City for donations to this project; and
- b) That with respect to the extension of the trail linking Firwood Drive, Roper Drive and Parkhill Road:
  - i. The project be deemed to be in the City of Peterborough's interest; and

- ii. That the City accept the donation of the new trail and provide charitable donation receipts to be issued through the City for donations to this project.

## Budget and Financial Implications

These projects will result in operating costs associated with the maintenance and operation of the additional trail infrastructure. Amenities along the new trail, such as lighting and benches, will be funded at a later date through other donors, the accessibility fund, or future trail capital budgets.

## Background

The City's bikeway network and the use of bicycles for transportation has grown substantially over the last 10 years. In the 2006 Census, 0.8% of people traveled by bicycle for transportation. With the expansion and improvements to the bikeway system, in keeping with the 2012 Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update, the number of people riding bicycles has increased five-fold with the rate of use now close to 4%. With that growth has come increased use and reliance on the multi-use trails. One of the ways to make the best use of our trails is to make them useable 24-7 by lighting them.

To this end, Council approved Report IPSTR18-011 Crawford Trail Extension and Lighting of Trails, dated May 7, 2018, including recommendation b) that says,

**b) That lighting of the main trails in the City be approved as a design feature and that implementation of the lighting be included as part of future budget submissions.**

The length of the City's current bikeway network is shown in Figure 1.

**Figure 1: Length of Bikeway Network**

Type of Bikeway	Length (km)
Bike Lane	30
Multi-use Trail	32
Protected bike lane	1
Trail Beside Road	11
Marked Route	1
Total	75

### Rotary Greenway Trail – Lighting Project Hunter Street to Douro Street

Of the 32 km of multi-use trails, there is lighting along 4.7 km. In 2016, the City received a generous anonymous donation through the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough to light the section of the Rotary Greenway Trail Link from Water Street

across the river to the Rotary Greenway Trail. That project was successful and established a new trail lighting standard using low energy-use LED light fixtures.

Now, Scott Wood of the Ashburnham Ale House and the Village Business Improvement Area (VBIA) has initiated a project to provide lighting on 320 metres of the Rotary Greenway Trail between Hunter Street and Douro Street. Mr. Wood has hosted a meeting of neighbours that back onto the project and at this point, there are no major concerns that have arisen.

Mr. Wood has requested that donations to this project be eligible for tax receipts through the City of Peterborough. His goal is to fundraise and to have the project implemented in the spring of 2020.

### **New Trail Linking Firwood Drive, Roper Drive and Parkhill Road**

A worn beaten path currently links Firwood Drive and Roper Drive through Roper Park and from Roper Park north to Parkhill Road on City property. Requests to formalize this 500 metre neighbourhood trail network have been received for a few years and now, two donors have stepped forward offering to donate the trail. Long-time trail supporters Barron Cowan and Haig Kelly will oversee the construction and fund the cost of the new 2.6 metre-wide asphalt trail. Amenities along the new trail, such as lighting and benches, will be funded at a later date through other donors, the accessibility fund or future trail capital budgets.

A map showing the trail route is shown in Appendix A.

Transportation Demand Management Planner, Susan Sauvé, will provide project management for both of these trail projects.

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Attachments:

Appendix A - Map of Trail Linking Firwood Drive, Roper Drive and Parkhill Road

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