

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Conversion of the Pointe Aux Pins Road to a Multi-Use Trail

Motion:

That Council approve cost sharing up to \$300,000.00 towards the conversion of the Pointe Aux Pins road to a multi-use trail with \$210,860.45 to be funded from the Westpark Estate Community Enhancement Reserve and \$89,139.55 to be funded from the Parks Reserve.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's approval and funding to convert the old Pointe Aux Pins access road into a multi-use trail.

Background:

The Pointe Aux Pins road is a remnant of the old Strathcona County road system and provided access to the Pointe Aux Pins neighbourhood and the Dow Ball Fields, until 2011 when Wilshire Boulevard was constructed. In the fall of 2014 an agreement was undertaken with the two adjacent developers to cost share the conversion of this road between the three parties. The two developers and the City have agreed, pending Council's approval, that the construction would be split equally one-third.

This project was mentioned briefly during the budget process last fall, and since the project did not have a tax implication in 2015 this project was deferred until all the details could be worked out this spring. The project will convert approximately 750m of rural road right-of-way to a 3.0m wide asphalt trail, and will include drainage and landscaping improvements.

As development is currently occurring on both sides of the right-of-way, delaying the project further would make access to the site more difficult, and potentially drive the costs higher. A preliminary design for the trail, landscaping and drainage has been completed with cost estimates in the \$800,000.00 range. The \$300,000.00 budget provides for a 12.5% contingency.

Plans/Standards/Legislation:

The Pointe Aux Pins road is identified as trail and green space within the Westpark Area Structure Plan.

Financial Implications:

This project will deplete the Westpark Estate Community Enhancement Reserve. This reserve was established by using developer contributions to construct and enhance park spaces within the Westpark Community. With Westpark almost complete there will be little opportunity to apply this funding to future enhancements. The current balance of the Parks Reserve is \$289,919.00.

Internal Impacts:

The 750m of trail and landscaping will be taken over by the Parks Department in 2016. This will impact this Department's operating budget by \$4,000.00 per year.

Alternatives:

1. That Council approve cost sharing up to \$300,000.00 towards the conversion of the Pointe Aux Pins road to a multi-use trail with \$210,860.45 to be funded from the Westpark Estate Community Enhancement Reserve and \$89,139.55 to be funded from the Parks Reserve.
2. That Council not approve the cost sharing up to \$300,000.00 towards the conversion of the Point Aux Pins road to a multi-use trail, thus leaving the area as a closed rural road, and advise how they wish to proceed.

Recommendation:

That Council approve cost sharing up to \$300,000.00 towards the conversion of the Pointe Aux Pins road to a multi-use trail with \$210,860.45 to be funded from the Westpark Estate Community Enhancement Reserve and \$89,139.55 to be funded from the Parks Reserve.

Attachments:

Location Plan

File No.:

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