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Staff Report

Community Services

Report To: Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date: December 4, 2017
Report Number: CSPW.17.114
Subject: Georgian Trail Annual Operations Report
Prepared by: Shawn Everitt, Director of Community Services/Acting CAO

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSPW.17.114 entitled “Georgian Trail Annual Operations Report” for information purposes.

B. Overview

The Georgian Trail Annual Operations Report is required to be brought forward to each of the three participating partner municipal Councils. The purpose of the report is to update Council on the maintenance and operations specific to the Georgian Trail.

C. Background

This report is the first Georgian Trail Annual Operations Report since the Georgian Trail Board of Management was dissolved in early 2017. Staff from each of the three participating partner municipalities have contributed to the summary of work completed on the Georgian Trail in 2017.

D. Analysis

Municipality of Meaford (Kilometer 1 to Kilometer 7.2)

Work and Inspections Completed:

- Monthly inspections completed from April 1 to November 1
- Noxious weed control program (June)
- Grass cutting maintenance on trail shoulders
- Clearing of the canopy from Swarthmore Drive to Christie Beach Road
- Removal of vegetation on travelled portion of trail
- Emergency tree removal at Street Vincent Street (May)

Town of The Blue Mountains (Kilometers 7.2 to Kilometer 27.7)

Work and Inspections Completed

General Operations

- Monthly inspections completed from April 1 to November 1
- 3 cuts of grass along the trail including trimming around benches
- Cut back of trees from Highway 26 crossing to Grey Road 40
- Removal of dead ash trees along a section of trail running parallel with East Ridge Drive in Lora Bay
- Post windstorm tree removal along sections of the trail from Christie Beach Road to Camperdown Road

Maintenance and Repair Works

- Engineering review completed for Little Beaver Bridge and Indian Brook Bridge
- In partnership with Georgian Trail Cycle and Ski Association (GTCSA), installed bollards at Highway 26 road crossing
- In partnership with the GTCSA Staff installed 5 concrete pads and benches within the Town of The Blue Mountains
- Planted 200 spruce seedlings along section of trail from Camperdown Road to Georgian Peaks Road
- Repaired section of the trail at Grey Road 40 north of Indian Circle subdivision and re-established drainage ditch and top dressed trail with limestone screenings
- Repaired section of the trail at the Lora Bay roundabout and re-established ditch and top dressed limestone screenings
- Completed grading of the trail from Christie Beach Road to Lora bay Drive and removed established vegetation from the trail

Town of Collingwood (Kilometer 27.7 to Kilometer 33.0)

Work and Inspections Completed

- Monthly inspections completed from April 1 to November 1
- 3 cuts of grass along trail including trimming around benches
- In partnership with GTCSA staff installed concrete pads for the benches to make them accessible from the trail
- Post windstorm tree removal along sections of the trail in Harbourview park and along Silver Creek and Eleventh Line areas

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

Goal #1: Create Opportunities for Sustainability

Goal #2: Engage Our Communities & Partners

Goal #3: Support Healthy Lifestyles

Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational & Operational Excellence

Goal #5: Ensure Our Infrastructure is Sustainable

F. Environmental Impacts

All activities are completed with as little environmental impact as possible.

G. Financial Impact

Municipality of Meaford: General Operations \$6,000

Town of The Blue Mountains:

Recorded expense of \$22,100 for 2017 operating season

General operations \$7,000 – Maintenance and Repair works \$16,700

Town of Collingwood: General operations \$5,000

H. In consultation with

Municipality of Meaford

The Town of The Blue Mountains

Town of Collingwood

I. Attached

- 1) Town of The Blue Mountains Trail Counter Data

Respectfully submitted,

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Town of The Blue Mountains Trail Counter Data						
April 2017 - September 2017						
	Christie Beach	Little Beaver	Trestle Bridge	Chamber Office	Indian Brook	Craigeith (Lakeshore Rd)
April	No Data	No Data	3192	697	No Data	750
May	No Data	No Data	5261	1669	No Data	1853
June	1632	2202	4853	2296	1108	1044
July	7250	5719	6153	5107	5803	5531
August	8103	5561	6759	No Data	No Data	3773
September	1149	2712	3815	No Data	No Data	No Data
TOTALS	18134	16194	21580	7403	6911	10348