

STAFF REPORT: Recreation Department



REPORT TO: Infrastructure & Recreation Committee
MEETING DATE: September 27th, 2011
REPORT NO.: DOR.11.058
SUBJECT: Cameron Street Waterfront Access Strategy
PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt
Director of Recreation

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.11.058 entitled "Cameron Street Waterfront Access Strategy" and direct staff to;

- A) Not to proceed with development preparation of any of the five Waterfront Access Points along Cameron Street; or,
- B) Approve the development preparation of a maximum of one of the five waterfront access points for safe pedestrian access to the Waterfront; or,
- C) Approve the development preparation of a maximum of two of the five waterfront access points for safe pedestrian access to the Waterfront; or,
- D) Approve the development preparation of a maximum of three of the five waterfront access points for safe pedestrian access to the Waterfront; or,
- E) Approve the development preparation of a maximum of four of the five waterfront access points for safe pedestrian access to the Waterfront; or,
- F) Approve the development preparation of all five waterfront access points for safe pedestrian access to the Waterfront; and,
- G) That development of waterfront access points be joint funded by the residents of Cameron Street and the Town and that Stewardship of these access points be provided by the residents of Cameron Street; or
- H) That development of waterfront access points be joint funded by the residents of Cameron Street and the Town maintain these access points; or,
- I) That development of waterfront access points be funded by the residents of Cameron Street, and that Stewardship of these access points be provided by the residents of Cameron Street; or
- J) That development of waterfront access points be funded by the residents of Cameron Street, and that the Town maintain these access points; or,
- K) That development of waterfront access points be funded by the Town Recreation Department and that Stewardship of these access points be provided by the residents of Cameron Street; or
- L) That development of waterfront access points be funded by the Town Recreation Department and that the Town provide all maintenance to these access points; or,

B. Background

Staff presented report DOR.11.049 "Waterfront Access Strategy" to Infrastructure and Recreation Committee on July 12th, 2011.

Staff has been contacted by residents of Cameron Street in Thornbury in regards to existing waterfront access points that are within Plan 723. Staff has reviewed this Plan of Subdivision "Attachment 1" and has determined that these access points are dedicated as Public Highways. Two of the five access points are currently being utilized on an informal basis with maintenance being limited to resident care only. Staff suggests that Cameron Street be treated as a pilot project for the Waterfront Access Strategy that will help determine best practices in determining future waterfront access areas.

Works that are recommended if access was to be developed are as follows for each specific property.

Cedar Street Approximately \$500.00 for replacing of 8 to 10 on shore rocks to increase useable waterfront. Permission from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Environment, First Nations, Ministry of Natural Resources as well as Grey Sauble Conservation authority could be required.

Spruce Street Approximately \$800.00 placement of limited amount of material for re-grading as well as establish improved drainage to edge of laneway.

Maple Street Approximately \$3,500.00 maintenance on existing staircase as well as well as the construction of an appropriate handrail. Drainage options are limited for erosion of beach area but should be reviewed.

Beech Street Approximately \$25,000.00 laneway is very good however a high percentage of the waterfront is made up of existing gryone. Even with replacing of rocks on shore the water directly in line of access is the in water gryone. Permission from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Environment, First Nations, Ministry of Natural Resources as well as Grey Sauble Conservation authority would be required.

Birch Street Approximately \$8,000.00 laneway is well maintained however is used as a two driveway access. Similar staircase as Maple Street is needed in two section. Significant vegetation exists currently with a steep incline from Beach area to current laneway.

Waterfront portion is groyne free and is one of the best for in water obstruction free locations.

As identified *Beech Street* does have the most significant obstacles and would be deemed the least useable access point.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community.

D. Environmental Impacts

Ensure appropriate and sustainable use of Waterfront Access

E. Financial Impact

Improvements to each access range from approx \$500.00 to \$25,000.00

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| 1) Cedar Street | \$500.00 |
| 2) Spruce Street | \$800.00 |
| 3) Maple Street | \$3,500.00 |
| 4) Beech Street | \$25,000.00 |
| 5) Birch Street | \$8,000.00 |

F. Attached

Attachments will be distributed at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Signature

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