

**STAFF REPORT: COUNCIL**



**REPORT TO: Council**  
**MEETING DATE: July 6, 2009**  
**REPORT NO.: DOR.09.038**  
**SUBJECT: Beaver River Trail**  
**PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt**  
**Director of Recreation**

**A. Recommendations**

THAT Council endorse the Beaver River Trail Project which is supported under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund;

THAT Council approve Town funding in the amount of \$165,000.00 as the Towns portion as proposed in the Capital project sheet contained therein;

THAT Council authorizes the reallocation of 2008 reserve contributions for Plan 915 Road reconstruction to the George Street and Mary Street Road Improvements in the amount of \$149,000.00;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an Agreement between the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and The Blue Mountains for Infrastructure Stimulus Funding for the Beaver River Trail subject to approval by the Director of Finance and Information Services and the Town Solicitor.

**B. Background**

IN 2007 Town staff worked with members of the Public through focus sessions as well as a Parks and Trails survey mailed out to all residents to help staff develop a strategic direction for the Towns Parks and Trails. The Beaver River Trail was identified through the focus sessions as well as the survey as a high priority. At the time the trail was projected as a 2012, 2013 project. Because of the criteria required for the Stimulus funding the Beaver River Trail was the best candidate. Town staff made application through the stimulus funding program for the construction of the Beaver River Trail. The trail as proposed through the application will consist of concrete sidewalk, limestone base as well as natural base surfaces. Town staff and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority staff has walked the proposed trail that utilizes Grey Sauble Conservation Authority lands, Conservation Authority staff supports this project and the proposed trail route. Grey Sauble Conservation Authority staff and Town staff will be presenting the trail project to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board in August.

Staff is working with landowners with potential trail linkage properties and negotiating potential trail easements that would enhance the Trail system for connectivity and provide linkages to Thornbury, Clarksburg and Clendenan Dam areas. River Vistas will also be incorporated along the trail to enhance the trail experience.

The following list provides a route of the proposed trail system from Thornbury Harbour to Clendenan Dam

- ▶ Trail begins at Thornbury Harbour to Pedestrian walking Bridge on Bay Street
- ▶ Trail continues East on Bay Street and South on Mill Street to Bridge Street with connection to Georgian Trail and Town Hall Site as well as Bayview Park
- ▶ Trail continues East on Bridge Street to McCauley Street
- ▶ Trail continues South on McCauley Street to Arthur Street
- ▶ Trail continues East on Arthur Street to Elgin Street
- ▶ Trail continues South on Elgin Street to Arthur Taylor Lane
- ▶ Trail continues South through Arthur Taylor Lane , connecting to Russell Street unopened road allowance and Grey Street. This will also connect trail system to Highway 26 and Georgian Trail proving a great loop and link opportunity
- ▶ Trail continues South on Arthur Taylor Lane to Clark Street
- ▶ Trail continues West on Clark Street to former Bible Camp Property
- ▶ Trail heads back North through development lands to Grey Sauble Conservation Authority lands
- ▶ Trail continues West along River to Frazzle Ice Platform, continuing West to George Street with a River Vista location between George Street and the Marsh Street Bridge
- ▶ Trail continues South on George Street and West to Marsh Street. Additional parking to be proposed along George Street to improve traffic control along George Street
- ▶ Trail crossing at Marsh Street and Clarks Street to Lions Park.
- ▶ Trail continues West on Clark Street across Black Bridge and crossing to Fireman's Park
- ▶ Trail continues West through fireman's park taking river trail to Haines dam and following service road to 10<sup>th</sup> line connection to Clendenan Dam.

Town staff is developing a conceptual plan for road improvements and Trail linkage as well as additional parking on George Street and road improvements on Mary Street and trial linkage to Clark Street in Clarksburg. This concept would also include creating one way traffic on George Street and Mary Street. Costs for these improvements are estimated at \$149,000.00 and staff is recommending that this additional component of the project be funded by the savings being realized from the plan 915 project. Report FIS.09.41 establishes that \$216,000.00 from 2008 contributions for roads and related works will not be utilized and can rolled into this project.

**C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan** (Statement(s) identifying how actions further the goals of the Strategic Plan)

Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs

Preserving and enhancing natural and environmental features, and cultural heritage of the community

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

**D. Environmental Impacts** (Focus on local impacts and comment on greenhouse gasses if appropriate)

Providing and supporting active lifestyles as well as promoting active transportation. The implementation of educational interpretive signage promoting the natural, cultural and historical significance of the area

**E. Budget Impact** (cc: Treasury if required)

The net Town share after grants for this project is \$165,000 and can be funded from two sources. Development Charges amount to \$90,000 and the remaining \$75,000 will be allocated from taxation. Although the Beaver River Trail project was not budgeted in 2009, the savings from taxation related sources due to grants received for the Plan 915 Project and Town Hall will allow this project to be funded and will not have an adverse affect on the 2009 year end surplus/deficit or future levies.

**F. Attached** (Relevant documentation not personal information about an identifiable person)

1. Map of proposed trail
2. Conceptual improvements to George Street and Mary Street
3. Capital Project Sheet

Respectfully submitted,

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Signature

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## PROPOSED OPERATIONS PROJECT FORM

Department: Recreation  
Proposal: **Beaver River Trail**  
Year of Initiation: 2009  
Year of Completion: 2011  
Submission Date: June 22, 2009  
Submitted by: Shawn Everitt Director of Recreation

### **A Description**

The construction of the Beaver River Walking Trail will provide connectivity from Thornbury Harbour to Clendenan Dam. The trail will be comprised of concrete sidewalk construction through the Thornbury urban area while a combination of Limestone and natural base trails will be constructed in the Clarksburg area.

### **B Purpose**

The trail will provide connectivity as well as provide extensive interpretive and educational opportunities to help promote the areas great historical aspects and significance of the Beaver River Watershed

To enhance the existing inventory of the Trails within the Thornbury Area,  
Town Strategic Plan Actions 2.6, 3.6, 4.6  
Reference Leisure Activities Plan (March 2006) Action Plan 2.3, 4.4, 4.6, 5.2, 7.33

### **C The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

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### **D Environmental Impacts**

To ensure sustainable use of Town lands and provide active transportation alternatives

### **E Expected Staff Resources/Key Personnel**

Director of Recreation  
Manager of Roads & Drainage  
GSCA and MNR Representatives  
Consultant/surveyors

## F Expected Capital Resource Requirements

YEAR	Studies	Land Acquisition	Engineering	Construction	Contingencies	Equipment	Interim Financing	Miscellaneous
2009			\$20,000	\$186,250.00		\$20,250.00		
2010				\$360,500.00				
2011						\$60,000.00		
2012								
2013								

### Notes

#### 2009

Construction \$110,625.00 for 1475 linear meters of side walk at \$75.00per linear meter

- McCauley Street East Side 125 meters \$9,375.00
- Arthur Street South Side 225 meters \$16,875.00
- Elgin Street East Side 600 meters \$45,000.00
- Riverside Crescent West Side 400 meters \$30,000.00
- Clark Street to Lions Park 125 meters \$9,375.00

Construction of bridges

\$75,625.00

Equipment

\$20,250.00 signage

#### 2010

Natural Base Trail \$211,500.00 for 3,525 meters of clear grub and trail at \$60.00 per linear meter

- Clendenan to Firemans Park 525 meters \$31,500.00
- George Street to Frazzle Ice Platform 1500 meters \$90,000.00
- Frazzle Ice to Arthur Taylor Lane 1500 meters \$90,000.00

George Street and Mary Street improvements

\$149,000.00

#### 2011

Equipment, signage, benches, waste receptacles

\$60,000.00

## G Estimated Project Costing Economic Driver

2008 Delphi point parks study costing

Previous trail works

Engineering and Public Works estimated costing

**H Expected Project Timeline**

Surveying August 2009  
 Sidewalk Construction September 2009  
 Bridge construction October 2009  
 Sign development and construction October 2009  
 Natural Base Trail construction April 2010  
 Purchase of equipment January 2011

**I Expected Operational Resource Requirements**

Ongoing trail and property maintenance

**J Proposed Source of Financing & Funding, (in conjunction with Treasury)**

YEAR	Grants, Donations, Developer Contributions	Taxation	User Fees	Municipal Act 326- 391	Capital Reserves (Specify Below)	Development Charges	Debt	Other (Specify Below)
2009	151,500	30,000				45,000		
2010	290,500	25,000				45,00		
2011	40,000	20,000						
2012								
2013								

Notes to Table:**K Anticipated Cost Savings or Additional Revenues**

Receipt of Federal and Provincial funding  
 Reallocation of Plan 915 funding

**L Location Map, as applicable**

See attached

**M Attachments, as applicable**

None at this time

Respectfully submitted by,

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Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation