

STAFF REPORT: RECREATION DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO: Infrastructure & Recreation Committee
MEETING DATE: September 14, 2010
REPORT NO.: DOR. 10.54
SUBJECT: Northwinds Beach Master Site Plan Strategy
PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt
Director of Recreation

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.10.54 "Northwinds Beach Master Site Plan Strategy"; and

THAT Council direct staff to develop a Master Site Plan and graphic rendering that identifies waterfront property enhancements, safety measures, identifiable boundaries that delineate swimming areas, pleasure craft areas, loading ramp areas, etc.; and

THAT Council direct staff to investigate the development of an area site plan and graphic rendering identifying the use of any and all available Town owned lands located in reasonable proximity including Town Land adjacent to Lakeshore Drive and the Georgian Trail; and

THAT Council direct staff to include the number of parking allotment availability on identified lands; and

THAT Council direct staff to provide funding allotments in the 2011 Parks and Trails preliminary Operational and Capital Budget for development of Master Site Plans and Graphic Rendering as well as related needed safety equipment; and

THAT Council direct staff to develop a communication plan for the residents outlining the development of a Master Site Plan and request comments from members of the public.

B. Background

The Blue Mountains continues to grow as a popular destination for visitors along with increasing population numbers therefore the demands and usage of Town waterfront properties increases. Northwinds Beach is one of two of the Town's Blue Flag Certified Beaches. Northwinds Beach provides the required amenities and signage which is required by the Blue Flag program.

Northwinds Beach continues to be the most intensely used waterfront property within the Town's inventory of Waterfront properties. Staff recommends that a Strategic Master plan be developed outlining desired enhancements as well as safety measures

that are directly related to the shared use of swimmers and pleasure craft within the Nottawasaga Bay area in and around Northwinds Beach.

Also recommended within this report is the strategic planning of any and all available Town owned lands that may be accessible for enhanced and or additional parking areas. Northwinds Beach continues to put pressure on the safety of vehicular traffic and pedestrian use on Highway 26. Pedestrians are often crossing Highway 26 South to North and North to South as well as vehicles parking on the side of the highway. It is suggested by staff that all options of parking and Highway 26 crossing be reviewed and identified.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs

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

D. Environmental Impacts

Ensuring sustainable and safe use of the Town's Waterfront Parklands

E. Budget Impact

Graphic Rendering expected to cost \$4,000.00

In house staffing to produce further reports that will identify enhancements, safety measures, parking options and highway 26 crossing in conjunction with detailed discussions involving The Ministry of Transportation, Town Engineering & Public Works Department, Coast Guard, Ontario Provincial Police, Town Planning Department, Town Environmental Services, as well as Public Focus Group sessions.

F. Attached

- 1) Location Map of proposed study area

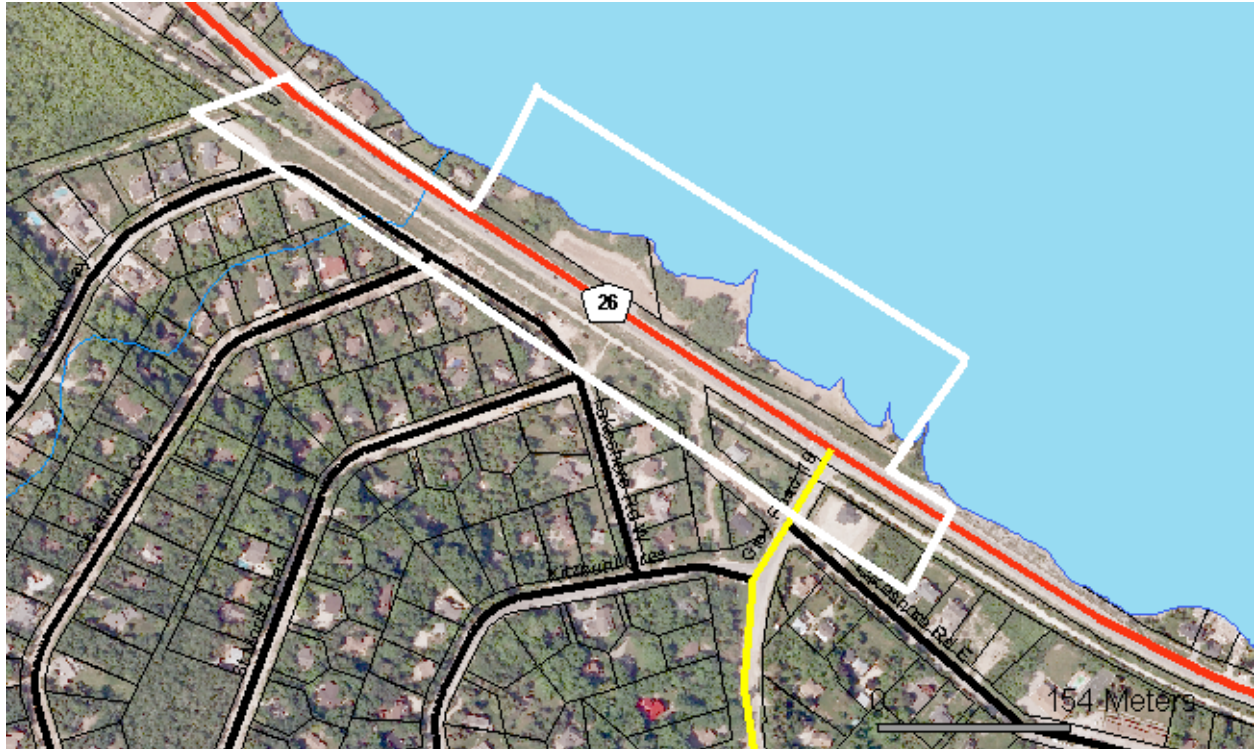
Respectfully submitted,

Signature

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Attachment 1 DOR.10.54 Northwinds Beach Master Site Plan Strategy



Area within white line would be subject to study