

Report PDR-PCD-44-16

To: Chair McQueen and Members of the Planning and Community Development Committee
From: Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning
Meeting Date: November 10, 2016
Subject: **CP Rail Trail – Sanitary Sewer Extension (Owen Sound)**
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution PCD136-16; Endorsed by County Council November 22, 2016;

Recommendation

1. That Report PDR-PCD-44-16 be received, and staff be directed to prepare an easement agreement to allow the City of Owen Sound the option to extend sanitary sewer services within the CP Rail Trail right-of-way from 16th Street East to 8th Street East; and
2. That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the easement agreement once completed.

Background

The City of Owen Sound has explored options for extending sanitary sewer services from 16th Street East south to 8th Street East in front of the Grey Bruce Health Services – Owen Sound Hospital to service development east and south of the Hospital. One of the preferred options identified by the City is to extend sewer services within the CP Rail Trail right-of way. There are currently sections of the CP Rail Trail north of 16th Street East in Owen Sound that contain sanitary sewer services.

It is recommended that an easement agreement be entered into between the City and the County to allow the City to install the sanitary sewer services as well as to access the sewer services for maintenance purposes. The easement agreement would include the following

- responsibilities of the City for constructing and maintaining the sanitary sewer services, including insurance requirements and liability clauses
- Noting that all costs associated with the installation of sanitary sewer services

and the maintenance of the sanitary services is the responsibility of the City, including costs to restore the trail to its present state or better

- requirements for properly closing the rail trail during construction or maintenance including the installation of barriers and signage.
- outline the requirement to reinstate the trail to its previous condition following the installation of the sanitary sewers or following maintenance of the sewers
- Identify the notification requirements for accessing the sanitary sewers and the notification requirements for closing the trail if required.
- The agreement would also indicate that the sanitary sewer services shall be installed outside of the travelled portion of the trail right-of-way where possible.

Following completion of the easement agreement, it is recommended that the Warden and the Clerk be authorized to sign the easement agreement.

Map 1: Proposed Location of Sanitary Sewer Extension on CP Rail Trail



Financial/Staffing/Legal/Information Technology Considerations

Any legal costs associated with the easement agreement will be the responsibility of the

City. Costs associated with constructing and maintaining the sanitary sewer services, including returning the trail back to its current state will also be the responsibility of the City.

Link to Strategic Goals/Priorities

Action Item 4.2 – Promote effective coordination and communication between and amongst the County of Grey and its nine lower-tier municipalities.

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted by,

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Director of Planning