



REGIONAL
DISTRICT
OF NANAIMO

Rivers Edge Community Trails Licence of Occupation Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the 10-year Licence of Occupation (2023-2033) with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for the Rivers Edge Community Roadside Trails be approved.

BACKGROUND

In the fall of 2021, the RDN Parks Services Division conducted community engagement in the River's Edge neighbourhood to determine the community's priorities for how to improve the parks and trails within the neighbourhood. Survey responses indicated that improving and expanding the network of trails within the community is a strong priority for residents. In response to the community engagement and comments from the Electoral Area G Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, a community trail network plan was created that proposes improved trails within RDN parks and a new roadside trail within the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) right of way along select sections of Peterson Road and Kaye Road (Attachment 1 – Community Trail Network Plan, Section 6, 7 and 8).

At the May 23, 2023 Board meeting the Board adopted the following recommendation:

That the improvements proposed in the River's Edge Community Trail Network Plan - Revised report be included in the 2023 Parks Services workplan.

To construct and maintain trails on a long-term basis within the MoTI right of way, the RDN is required to obtain a License of Occupation.

Staff have obtained a permit to construct the trails from MoTI (Attachment 2 – MoTI Permit 2023-04757). In addition, MoTI has prepared a Licence of Occupation Agreement (Attachment 3- Licence of Occupation MoTI Rivers Edge Trail) for a ten-year term commencing December 1, 2023 and terminating November 30, 2033.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is currently \$250,000 available in the approved 2023 Electoral Area G Community Parks capital budget for the proposed improvements in the River's Edge Neighbourhood. The cost to obtain a Licence of Occupation is an application fee of \$262.50 inclusive of GST which will be payable to the BC Transportation Authority. Expected annual maintenance costs of \$14,500 are included in the 2023-2027 Electoral Area G Community Parks operating plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Planning and Managing for Growth - Understand and develop an inter-connected framework of strategies and plans to manage growth to support complete communities, including planning, transportation, infrastructure, and fiscal sustainability.

REVIEWED BY:

- A. Gore, Superintendent of Parks Planning and Development
- R. Daykin, Manager, Parks Services
- T. Osborne, General Manager, Recreation and Parks Service
- D. Holmes, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS

1. Community Trail Network Plan
2. MoTI Permit 2023-04757
3. Licence of Occupation MoTI Rivers Edge Trail