



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Public Works & Engineering Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Phil Bartnik, Director Public Works & Engineering Services

Date to Council: November 12, 2024

Report Number: PWES-2024-52

Subject: Trans Canada Trail Registration
Town of Tecumseh Multi-Use Pathways: Riverside Drive (from the City of Windsor to Brighton Road) and Brighton Road (from Riverside Drive to the Tecumseh Road Roundabout)

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report No. PWES-2024-52 Trans Canada Trail Registration, Town of Tecumseh Multi-Use Pathways: Riverside Drive (from the City of Windsor to Brighton Road) and Brighton Road (from Riverside Drive to the Tecumseh Road Roundabout), **be received;**

And that By-law No. 2024-090 be given first, second, third and final reading, **to authorize** the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Registration Agreement with the Trans Canada Trail, which will enable application to the Trans Canada Trail's Capital Improvement Program.

Background

The Trans Canada Trail is a designated trail system that crosses all provinces and territories and reaches all three of Canada's coastlines. As the longest multi-use trail network in the world, it spans 28,000 kilometers and serves as an accessible nationwide trail system connecting communities across Canada.

Trans Canada Trail (TCT) is an organization that advocates for Canada's nationwide trail system, with the intention of providing guidance, funding and other resources to communities who operate multi-use trails within their community.

Comments

Trans Canada Trail (TCT) has been in contact with the County Wide Active Transportation System (CWATS) committee, which is comprised of representatives from the County of Essex and local municipalities including the Town, to discuss the registration of CWATS routes as part of the Trans Canada Trail. TCT then contacted Tecumseh Administration directly, identifying a gap in their network designation east of Windsor's Ganatchio Trail which is already designated as part of the Trans Canada Trail.

Initial discussions took place between Administration and TCT regarding potential funding opportunities for one of the Town's trail expansion projects, particularly the 'Riverside Drive East Pathway Improvements Project'. This work is identified in the Public Works & Engineering Service Five-Year Capital Works Plan, which was approved by Council at their Regular Council Meeting held on February 13, 2024, under Report [PWES-2024-07](#) (Motion: RCM-21/24). That work would consist of construction of a multi-use pathway on the south side of Riverside Drive East between Arlington Boulevard and Kensington Boulevard, which would connect the existing multi-use pathways in Tecumseh and have the effect of completing the Riverside Drive trail. It was noted that this short, incomplete segment was not registered as part of the Trans Canada Trail and therefore was not eligible for any funding opportunities. This prompted further discussion on the potential registration of the full extent of multi-use pathways that create a singular linkage along Riverside Drive (from the City of Windsor limits to Brighton Road) as well as Brighton Road (from Riverside Drive to the Tecumseh Road Roundabout), which ultimately connects to active transportation networks in the Municipality of Lakeshore.

Administration is recommending including the network of multi-use pathways within the Town's municipal limits along Riverside Drive and Brighton Road as part of the TCT registration. Refer to Attachment 1 for a map depicting the multi-use pathways being considered for registration under TCT. It illustrates that the recommended trail designation in Tecumseh would provide for the linking of the existing active transportation network in Lakeshore (situated along County Road 2) to Windsor (being the Ganatchio Trail south of Riverside Drive). Attachment 2 displays the trails which are currently registered under Trans Canada Trail in Windsor-Essex County. In addition to the City of Windsor's Ganatchio Trail, it also includes Rt. Hon. Herb Grey Parkway (LaSalle and City of Windsor), and Chrysler Canada Greenway (Oldcastle, Harrow, Kingsville, and Leamington).

To proceed with designation of the subject multi-use pathways in Tecumseh as part of the Trans Canada Trail, the TCT requires the Town to enter into a registration agreement. This agreement which forms part of the proposed By-law has been reviewed by the Director Legislative Services & Clerk and is recommended for execution.

Consultations

Development Services
Financial Services
Legislative Services & Clerk
Trans Canada Trail

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2023-2026 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Growth: Achieve prosperity and a livable community through sustainable growth.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Health and Inclusion: Integrate community health and inclusion into our places and spaces and everything we do.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Service Experience: Enhance the experience of Team Tecumseh and our citizens through responsive and respectful service.

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Communications

Not applicable

Website

Social Media

News Release

Local Newspaper

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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment Number	Attachment Name
1	Proposed Trans Canada Trail Registration – Tecumseh Multi-Use Pathways Map
2	Windsor-Essex County Trans Canada Trail Map