

# INFORMATION NOTE

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**Title:** Kelly's Brook Shared Use Path Engagement

**Date Prepared:** 2021 March 11

**Report To:** Inclusion Advisory Committee

**Councillor and Role:** Councillor Deanne Stapleton

**Issue:** The Kelly's Brook Shared Use Path surface material information will be presented to gather a recommendation from the committee on the preferred surface treatment and seek further input on design elements discussed during previous engagement sessions with the committee and associated working groups.

## **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

Kelly's Brook Shared-Use-Path is the first catalyst project coming from the Bike St John's Master Plan. The shared-use path will extend from King's Bridge Road to Columbus Drive. It is mostly in place as a granular walking path today, linking several neighbourhoods through an important east-west greenway that largely parallels Empire Avenue. Its goal is to provide an attractive and continuous 4.8 km active transportation route in St. John's, connecting popular destinations and amenities along the way. Path upgrades will be professionally designed by a team of consultants working closely with city staff.

The Inclusion Advisory Committee (IAC) and associated Universal Design Working Group (UDWG) have been consulted on several occasions regarding the development of the Bike Master Plan (October 3, 2018) and more specifically the Kelly's Brook Path Project (UDWG January 6, 2021; IAC February 9, 2021). The following themes emerged as important accessibility and inclusion considerations:

- Ensure surface area is accessible for all (including persons with vision, hearing and mobility barriers)
- Ensure safety for all ages and abilities (including persons with vision, hearing and mobility barriers)
- Ensure accessible wayfinding including Tactile Walking Surface Indicators (TWSI); Accessible Pedestrian Signals and technology such as blind square
- Wayfinding and public education regarding areas of conflict and trail etiquette to ensure the safe and enjoyable use of the trail for all

Detailed committee feedback and recommendations are noted in the minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup> IAC meeting.

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The Inclusion Advisory Committee has noted that this multi-use path will be precedent setting and want it to be a success. Resolving areas of conflict during the design phase will help to establish multi-use paths as a viable addition to City mobility networks. The committee noted that they are a resource that can be used to develop solutions to areas of conflict and accessibility barriers.

**Key Considerations/Implications:**

1. Budget/Financial Implications:

Budget/Financial Implications: Project is funded by provincial and federal program. See note on funding announcement here: <http://stjohns.ca/media-release/governments-invest-upgrades-path-link-neighbourhoods-st-john-s>

2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:

We are working with a variety of stakeholders and the public. Stakeholders include:

- i. Grand Concourse Authority
- ii. Environmental Experts Panel
- iii. Universal Design Working Group & the Inclusion Advisory Committee
- iv. Youth Strategy Implementation Team
- v. Bike Advisory Committee
- vi. Senior's Advisory Committee
- vii. MUN stakeholder group

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:

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4. Legal or Policy Implications: n/a

5. Privacy Implications: n/a

6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: n/a

7. Human Resource Implications: n/a

8. Procurement Implications:

Procurement Implications: The current engagement and design project will conclude with a tender ready package for construction in 2021-2022.

9. Information Technology Implications: n/a

10. Other Implications: n/a

**Conclusion/Next Steps:**

City staff will take feedback received thus far and compile detailed plan which will be brought back to the Inclusion Advisory Committee and Universal Design Working Group for further review and input.

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**Attachments:** Surface Material Technical Memo, Surface Material Summary Matrix

### Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- Surface Material Summary Matrix.pdf - Surface Material Technical Memo.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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