

INFORMATION NOTE

Title:	Kelly's Brook Trail
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Report To:	His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council
Councillor and Role:	Councillor Deanne Stapleton <small>Choose an item.</small>
Ward:	N/A

Issue: Discussion on Kelly's Brook Trail

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 trail today, linking several neighbourhoods through an important east-west greenway that largely parallels Empire Avenue (between King's Bridge Rd and Carpasian Rd, the route will be along Empire Ave). Its goal is to provide an attractive and continuous 4.8 km recreation corridor and active transportation city-centre route, connecting popular destinations and amenities along the way. The shared-use path is proposed for people of all ages and abilities, using all forms of active transportation, including walking, running, biking, and rolling.

The City of St. John's has engaged a highly qualified team of professionals to complete the detailed design of the shared-use path while working closely with city staff. The design team is providing a series of public engagement opportunities for residents and stakeholders to share their input to inform design decisions around elements such as lighting, surface materials, path alignment, trailhead and rest areas, wayfinding, and other features that emerge during the process.

Marianne Alacoque- Transportation Systems Engineer with the City will attend the Feb 9th Seniors Advisory meeting to gather some insight and feedback from committee members.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications:
 - n/a
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:
 - Environment and Sustainability Experts Panel
 - General Public

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- Grand Concourse Authority
- Inclusion Advisory Committee
- MUN
- Nearby residents and businesses
- Senior's Advisory Committee
- Trail users
- Youth Strategy Implementation Team

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:

- Strategic direction "A City that Moves" is described as follows: *Changing demographics mean the way people move around the city is shifting. Our transportation network needs to provide all people and businesses access to options for travelling where they want to go. By focusing on safety and balance this direction attempts to make a safer transportation network for everyone, regardless of their mode of travel*
- Bike St John's Master Plan, 2019, brought forward a vision encouraging more people to use bicycles by developing: *A safe, inclusive, and convenient cycling network that is well-connected, attractive and reflective of the City's unique topography and climate. As part of an integrated mobility network, this is supported by policies and programs that promote a cycling-friendly culture.*

4. Legal or Policy Implications:

- n/a

5. Privacy Implications:

- n/a

6. Engagement and Communications Considerations:

- Public engagement opportunities will be advertised through city's regular online channels, postcard mailouts to surrounding neighbours, signs along the trail, and posters at key destinations along trail route.

7. Human Resource Implications:

- n/a

8. Procurement Implications:

- n/a

9. Information Technology Implications:

- n/a

10. Other Implications:

- n/a

Conclusion/Next Steps: Feedback collected from the Seniors Advisory Committee and other key stakeholders will be considered to develop a recommendation to council about pathway surface material and to design the shared-use path.

Report Approval Details

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