

# DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

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**Title:** Avalon Mountain Biking Association – Proposed Pump Track at Quidi Vidi Park

**Date Prepared:** May 5, 2021

**Report To:** Regular Meeting of Council

**Councillor and Role:** Councillor Ian Froude, Transportation and Regulatory Services & Sustainability

**Ward:** Ward 2

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## **Decision/Direction Required:**

The City has been approached by the Avalon Mountain Biking Associations (AMBA) with a proposal requesting \$60,000 in funding to construct a pump track at the Quidi Vidi Park.

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

The Avalon Mountain Bike Association (AMBA) is a not-for-profit community organization engaged in promoting the sport of mountain biking on the Avalon Peninsula. AMBA's primary goals are to develop, maintain and preserve shared-use mountain bike trails and infrastructure. The group is committed to promoting socially and environmentally responsible mountain biking and trail usage, while making mountain biking fun and accessible for riders of all ages and skill levels.

AMBA, in collaboration with Canary Cycles, is proposing that the City allocate a small portion of City land at Quidi Vidi Park for the development of an asphalt pump track. A pump track is a continuous loop of berms and "rollers" (smooth dirt or paved mounds) that is ridden by "pumping" your body up and down over the features to generate momentum, with pedalling or pushing. Pump tracks can be used by cyclists of all ages and skill levels, as well as, scooters, skateboards and wheelchairs when paved. Pump tracks are a great way to develop balance and handling skills for everyone from toddlers to professional athletes and offer an opportunity for the whole family to enjoy cycling in a safe, traffic-free environment.

The pump track is a welcomed amenity to the recreational activity at Quidi Vidi Park. It is proposed to be situated within a complex of recreational and park land amenities, creating a diverse and interesting environment that is efficient and economical to maintain.

Attached for information is the detailed proposal for the proposed pump track facility.

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**Key Considerations/Implications:**

## 1. Budget/Financial Implications:

The total project cost is in the range of \$150,000 to \$175,000 based on similar facilities in other jurisdictions. After approval of the 2021 Budget, the Parks and Open Space Reserve Fund balance is currently around \$1,400,000. The City's contribution to the project would be allocated from this reserve fund.

Public Works has advised that annual costs to provide hand mowing, litter control and general maintenance for fencing, signs, graffiti removal, etc. would be in the order of \$3,300/year and can be covered by the existing Parks maintenance budgets.

## 2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:

Canary Cycles have agreed to provide AMBA with a donation of \$100,000 for the construction of the new pump track facility. The proponent has also advised that any additional funds required would be generated through fund raising initiatives, corporate sponsors and other funding program opportunities.

The Royal St. John's Regatta Committee has reviewed and supports the location for the proposed Pump Track adjacent to Quidi Vidi Lake.

## 3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:

A Connected City – Increase and improve opportunities for residents to connect with each other, as well as, develop public open spaces that build, safe healthy and vibrant communities.

## 4. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A

## 5. Privacy Implications: N/A

## 6. Engagement and Communications Considerations:

The project will be announced jointly with the partners and progress will be shared on the City's website and social media feeds.

## 7. Human Resource Implications: N/A

## 8. Procurement Implications:

The work will be completed in accordance with the Public Procurement Act.

## 9. Information Technology Implications: N/A

10. Other Implications:

**Recommendation:**

That Council approve \$60,000 in funding from the Parks and Open Space Reserve Fund to contribute to the construction of the proposed AMBA pump track facility at Quidi Vidi Park. The City will administer the project.

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**Report Approval Details**

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Jason Sinyard - May 6, 2021 - 11:55 AM**