

Full Authority
16 June 2022
Agenda Item: 9

Callaghan's Rapids Barricade/Parking Lot Project

Background

Please refer to Agenda Item 13, 17 June 2021

The result of the staff report and recommendation was the following Full Authority motion:

FA Motion G 64/21

Moved by: Jan O'Neill

Seconded by: Dan Bujas

To receive the barricade report and to release funds donated to CVCA for CRCA in the amount of \$7,000 to complete phase 1 (main parking lot) of the project and to direct staff to investigate future funding opportunities for phase two and next steps.

Carried

(A recorded vote was conducted – 8 members supported the vote and 2 members were absent from the meeting)

Update

- Progress continues to be made with securing the perimeter of Callaghan's Rapids, especially on the east side of the bridge that spans the Crowe River. Recently, the ATV access point on that side has been barricaded by volunteers.
- The CVCA is seeking a financial partner to assist with resolving unauthorized vehicular access to Callaghan's and has continued to engage with the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance (EOTA) regarding the barricade/parking lot for ATV's. The proposal (attached to the Agenda for your reference) was submitted to EOTA for their consideration and possible funding support.
- Recently, a discussion regarding the proposal was held with the General Manager of EOTA. The General Manager was reaching out to the CVCA to determine if a funding partnership was a viable option for the project. Like most organizations, partnerships are an excellent way to stretch funds and our response was the CVCA would be willing to partner with EOTA.

- The EOTA General Manager was pleased at the prospect and stated she would relay the information back to her Board.
- Since that conversation, staff recently received confirmation that EOTA has included the parking lot project in their workplan and would like to partner with the CVCA on a 50/50 split of the expenses.

Further Considerations

- As stated in the proposal, the projected expenditures are \$12,915.90.
- Recent increases to fuel will likely increase this estimate between \$14 to \$15,000.
- EOTA General Manager has stated if the project cost overruns exceed the original proposal, EOTA would cover the expenses.
- The CVCA's volunteers are willing to move as quickly as possible to complete the parking lot project. Some of the preliminary work has been undertaken already in preparation of a positive response such as identifying additional boulders on site and clearing access to the boulders.
- The CVCA has received donations from a private donor, which would cover the CVCA's portion of this project's expenses.

Staff Recommendation

That the CVCA continue to foster a partnership with EOTA for the benefit of EOTA trail users while securing the access to Callaghan's Rapids Conservation Area.

That the CVCA Board release 50/50 matching funding to ensure the completion of the barricade/parking lot project as soon as possible in 2022.

Board Decision

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