



## 7.0 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

### Chapter 4

- Recommendation 4-1:** Implement the Chatham-Kent Trails Network as illustrated and described in the Chatham-Kent Trails Master Plan. (On-going)
- Recommendation 4-2:** Include the Recommended Trail Network as a schedule(s) in the Chatham-Kent Official Plan. (with the next Official Plan update)
- Recommendation 4-3:** Given the Tecumseh Parkway initiative as a major tourist corridor, and that the potential for new funding for this project may become available, the Municipality and the Chatham-Kent Trails Council should review the alignment of the Trans Canada Trail in Chatham-Kent. (Short Term)

### Chapter 5

- Recommendation 5-1:** Adopt the trail design guidelines presented in Chapter 5 of the Chatham-Kent Trails Master Plan as the basis for the design of trails in the Municipality. (Ongoing)
- Recommendation 5-2:** Municipal staff responsible for trail design (on and off-road) should be encouraged to remain current with best industry design practices. (Ongoing)

### Chapter 6

- Recommendation: 6-1:** The Chatham-Kent Trail Master Plan should be formally updated through a public process at least every five years. (Ongoing)
- Recommendation 6-2:** Integrate Active Transportation routes that evolve from the work of the Active Communities Steering Committee with Active Recreation routes recommended in the Chatham-Kent Trails Master Plan. (Ongoing)
- Recommendation 6-3:** To oversee the implementation and management of trails in the municipality, examine different options for the creation of a trails



coordinator position and determine a suitable course of action. (Short term)

**Recommendation 6-4:** Municipal staff responsible for building the on and off-road trail network should use the criteria identified in the Chatham-Kent Trails Master Plan to inform decision-making related to setting priorities for implementation. (Ongoing)

**Recommendation 6-5:** The Municipality should commit to the allocation of annual life cycle budgets for the construction of trail infrastructure. (Ongoing)

**Recommendation 6-6:** In addition to investing life cycle budgets for the construction of trail infrastructure, the Municipality should pursue outside sources for the development and maintenance of the trails. (Ongoing)

**Recommendation 6-7** Municipal staff should review and adapt as necessary the proposed five-part process tool for guiding the implementation of the trail network identified in the Chatham-Kent Trails Master Plan. (Short Term)

**Recommendation 6-8** Municipal staff should maintain and annually update the GIS based Network Management Tool developed as part of the Chatham-Kent Trails Master Plan and use this tool to assist in asset planning and management. (Ongoing)

**Recommendation 6-9:** Using the strategies outlined in the Trails Master Plan as a starting point, Chatham-Kent staff should develop a trail maintenance plan that is tailored to meet the Municipality's needs, and is supported by an appropriate budget. (Short term)

**Recommendation 6-10:** Municipal staff should use the policy themes and potential Official Plan policies identified in the Chatham-Kent Trails Master Plan as the basis for developing official policies related to trails in the Municipality. (Short Term)

**Recommendation 6-11:** Individuals, businesses and organizations who contribute to the development of trails should receive recognition for their efforts.



**Chatham-Kent should explore potential avenues for recognizing contributors. (Short Term)**

**Recommendation 6-12: The Municipality should explore opportunities to develop partnerships with agencies as a method of spreading the word about trails and to encourage trail use across Chatham-Kent. (Short Term)**

**Recommendation 6-13: The Municipality should investigate the development and production of a trail user education and outreach campaign that could include trail signs, brochures, public service messages and trail maps. (Short Term)**

**Recommendation 6-14: As the trail system in Chatham-Kent continues to grow and mature, the Municipality should explore the merits of a trail ambassador program. (Long Term)**