

Municipality Of Chatham-Kent
Engineering and Infrastructure Services
Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Genevieve Champagne
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Date: June 25, 2020
Subject: 2020 Trails and CASO Trail Lifecycle Projects

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

1. The list of 2020 Trails Lifecycle Projects totaling \$693,000 funded through the Trails Lifecycle Reserve be approved.
2. The list of 2020 CASO Trail Phase Two and Three totaling \$605,000 funded through the CASO Trail Reserve Fund be approved.
3. The land use agreement for the Chatham-St. Angela Merici Catholic School Trail be approved.

Background

Trails Lifecycle:

On October 16, 2009, Council approved the Trails Master Plan (TMP) as a framework to guide in the planning and development of trails throughout Chatham-Kent. With support and guidance from the Chatham-Kent Trails Council, the short-term projects (i.e. to 2015) identified within the TMP have been successfully completed.

In 2016, administration began applying trails lifecycle reserve funds to existing trail upgrades and repairs, in addition to constructing new recreational trails.

St. Angela Merici Catholic School Trail:

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent, The Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority and St. Clair Catholic District School Board are collaborating to implement a trail within the new St. Angela Merici Catholic School. The trail would be used by school staff and students during school hours; however, it would be available to the public before and after school hours.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent currently has three Land Use Agreements with

Lambton Kent District School Board for trails located at the Harwich Raleigh Public School in Blenheim (Flook trail), the Lambton Kent Composite School in Dresden (Trillium Trail Extension Trail) and Tecumseh Public School in Chatham (Tecumseh Public School Trail). The St. Angela Merici School Trail would be the first land use agreement with the St. Clair Catholic District School Board.

Comments

The following 2020 projects were selected to focus on the completion of our larger trail networks and complete community partnerships:

2020 Trails Lifecycle Projects

Project	Community
St. Angela Merici Trail	Chatham
Trail Equipment	Municipality-wide
Trail Reconstruction and Maintenance	Municipality-wide
Cycling Infrastructure	Municipality-wide
Trail Signage	Municipality-wide

2020 CASO Trail Phases Two and Three

Project	Community
CASO Trail Phase 2	Ridgetown
CASO Trail Phase 3	Blenheim

Refer to Attachment A for specific project details.
Refer to Attachment B for trail project site maps.

Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors

The recommendation in this report supports the following areas of strategic focus:

Economic Prosperity:

Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy

A Healthy and Safe Community:

Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth

People and Culture:

Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community

Environmental Sustainability:

Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources

The recommendation in this report support the following critical success factors:

Financial Sustainability:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable

Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership

Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors

Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively)

Consultation

Chatham-Kent Trails Council was consulted and agrees with the projects proposed for 2020.

Legal Services consulted on the Land Use Agreement Terms and Conditions and provided the Land Use Agreement to Parks and Open Spaces to proceed through the process.

Financial Services has verified the current balance of the Trails Lifecycle Reserve.

Financial Implications

The following is the status of the 2020 Trails and CASO Trail Lifecycle Reserves:

2020 Trails Lifecycle Reserve	
2019 Trails Lifecycle Reserve Balance	\$459,521
2020 Estimated Lifecycle Allotment	\$377,551
Total Funding Available for 2020 Projects	\$837,072
2020 Proposed Lifecycle Projects	\$630,000
Contingency for project overages	63,000
Balance remaining in lifecycle reserve	\$144,072

2020 CASO Trail Reserve Fund	
2019 CASO Trail Reserve Balance	\$510,424
2020 Estimated Entegrus Dividend Allotment	\$100,800
Total Funding Available for 2020 Projects	\$611,224
2020 Proposed CASO Trail Projects	\$550,000
Contingency for project overages	55,000
Balance remaining in CASO Trail reserve	\$6,224

The balance remaining in the Trails Lifecycle Reserve at the end of 2020 will be used for future trail lifecycle projects.

The balance remaining in the CASO Trail Reserve Fund at the end of 2020 will be used for future project phases.

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Attachments: A – 2020 Trails Lifecycle Projects
B – 2020 Trail Project Site Maps

c: Chatham Kent Trails Council

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2020 Trails Lifecycle Projects

Please see Attachment B for individual project location details.

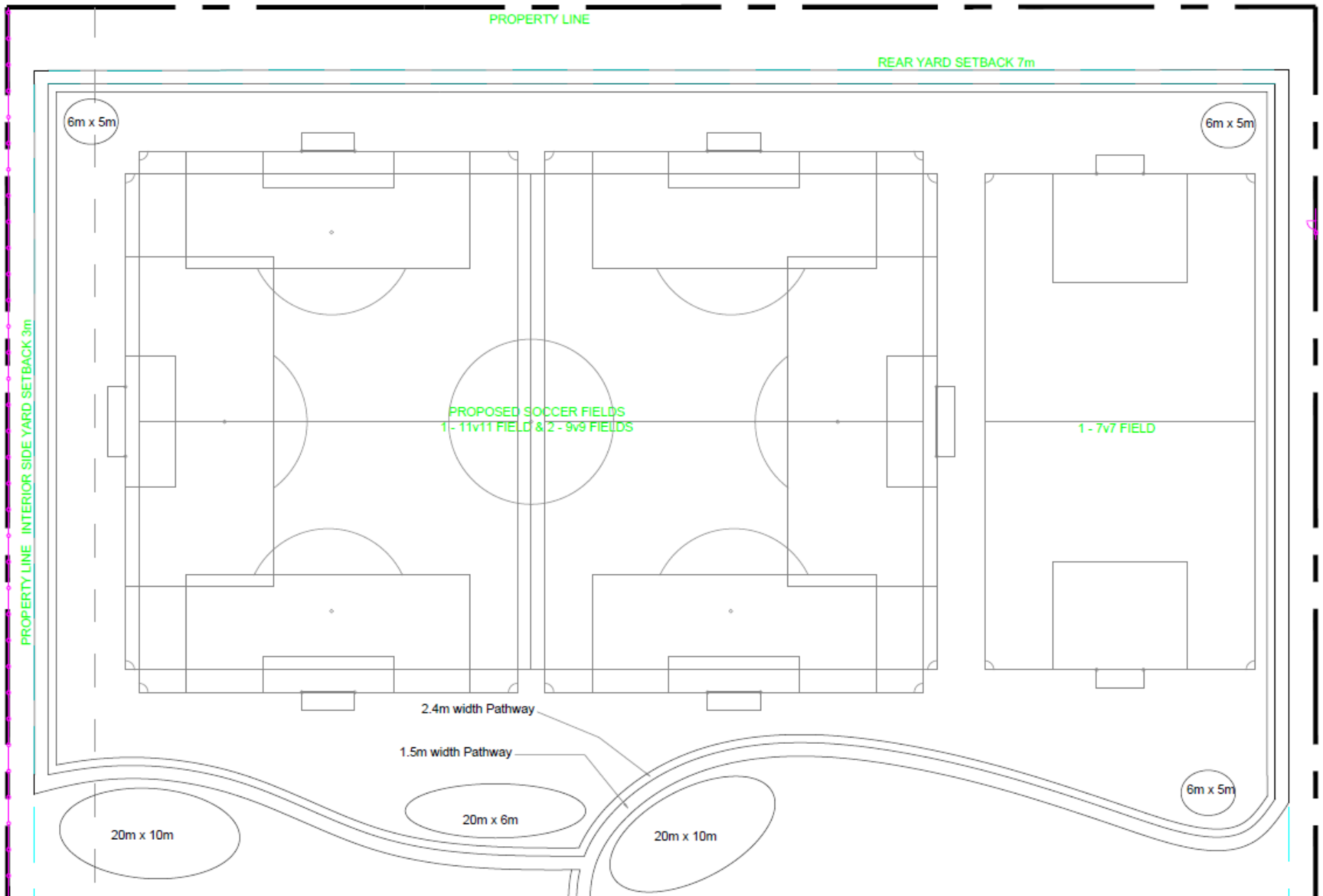
Community		Project Name and Details
1	Chatham	St. Angela Merici Trail- New Construction 450m New crusher dust trail construction in partnership with the St. Clair Catholic Elementary School Board, and the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority.
2	Municipal Wide	Trail Equipment Purchase of trail counters to gauge user type, (cyclist, pedestrian), time and frequency of use and direction. Truck trailer purchase to assist in circulating the trail groomer between communities for trail maintenance.
3	Municipal Wide	Trail Reconstruction and Maintenance The annual reconstruction and maintenance of existing trails throughout the Municipality to address damage, wear, erosion issues, tree and weed growth.
5	Municipal Wide	Cycling Infrastructure Construction and maintenance of cycling infrastructure throughout the Municipality.
6	Municipal Wide	Trail Signage Design, print, and install proper trailhead signage, directional signage and interpretive signage.

2020 CASO Trail Phases Two and Three

Please see Attachment B for individual project location details.

Community		Project Name and Details
1	Ridgetown	CASO Trail Phase 2 – New Construction: 1840 metres New crusherdust trail construction between Erie St. N and Victoria Rd. with the installation of four (4) vehicular access gates at entrance locations.
2	Blenheim	CASO Trail Phase 3 – New Construction: 3653 metres New crusherdust trail construction between Kent Bridge Rd and Mull Rd. with the installation of four (4) vehicular access gates and bollards at entrance locations.

St. Angela Merici School Trail - 450m long crusher dust trail between 1.5m to 2.4m wide.



CASO Trail Phase 2: Erie St. North to Victoria Road- 1.83km crusher dust trail with 4 access gates located in Ridgetown



CASO Trail Phase 3: Kent Bridge Road to Mull Road - 3.7km crusher dust trail with 4 access gates located in Blenheim

