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**DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES -
JOINT PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES/ENGINEERING SERVICES
REPORT 2014-23**

TO: Committee of the Whole
SUBJECT: Greenbelt Cycling Route
ORIGIN: Planning and Building Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Development & Infrastructure Services – Joint Planning & Building Services/Engineering Services Report 2014-23 dated June 16, 2014 regarding the Greenbelt Cycling Route be received and the following recommendation(s) be adopted:

THAT the Town of Newmarket endorses the proposed alignment of the Greenbelt Route within the Town's municipal boundaries, subject to the following:

- (i) the official, signed cycling route is to be the Nokiidaa/Tom Taylor Trail alignment at least until such time as Yonge Street between Savage Road and St. John's Sideroad (i.e. the alternate, unsigned on-road route) is appropriately urbanized to better accommodate cyclists.**

COMMENTS

The Waterfront Regeneration Trust and Greenbelt Foundation is developing a cycling route from Northumberland County to the Region of Niagara and is requesting support from municipalities on the proposed route

The proposed 460 km cycling route is aimed primarily at recreational cyclists, is intended to use existing infrastructure wherever possible, and would provide opportunities to experience the countryside and municipalities on route. The Waterfront Regeneration Trust (WRT) is seeking the Town's support for the route on those sections through the Town, with the intention to identify, sign and launch the route by 2015.

The proposed route through Newmarket includes a primary and secondary alignment at the south limit of Town

The primary, signed route at the south limit of Town would make use of the Nokiidaa/Tom Taylor Trail, together with Foxtail Ridge and Savage Road, ultimately crossing Yonge Street at the controlled intersection. Also contemplated is an alternate on-road route (unsigned) using St. John's Sideroad and Yonge Street north to the controlled intersection at Yonge/Savage/Joe Persechini. Traveling west from Yonge Street, the route would make use of the Town's trail system, ultimately connecting with Mulock

Drive and then heading west across Bathurst Street into King Township (refer to Appendix "A" for the Aurora/Newmarket route, and Appendix "B" for a close-up view of the Newmarket alignment).

Staff participated in a workshop with the WRT regarding the proposed cycling route and supports the proposed alignment through Newmarket and in particular the primary (i.e. Nokiida/Tom Taylor Trail) route at least until such time as Yonge Street between St. John's Sideroad and Savage Road is urbanized to better accommodate cyclists.

The Town will be responsible for sign installation and any required infrastructure improvements

Signage will be provided to municipalities by the WRT, with the Greenbelt Foundation providing the funding to cover the cost of the production of directional signage and mapping. Local and Regional Councils will be responsible for installing the signage on their respective facilities, as well as any infrastructure improvements along the route. Staff is not aware of any infrastructure improvements required on the primary route within the Town's portion at this time to accommodate the alignment.

BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

This report supports the *Living Well* (emphasis on active lifestyles and recreational opportunities) and *Well-planned & connected* (walking and biking trails, paths and lanes) branches of the Strategic Plan.

CONSULTATION

This report has been jointly prepared by Planning & Building Services and Engineering Services.

HUMAN RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable to this report.

BUDGET IMPACT


While the WRT (through funding by the Greenbelt Foundation) will provide the directional signage and mapping, the Town will be responsible for installing the signage on our trails, as well as any infrastructure improvements along the route.

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Appendix "A" – Route Through Aurora/Newmarket

Greenbelt Route Map 16 of 26 - Aurora / Newmarket

Map 16 Trail Length: 13.25 km

