



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: February 2nd, 2018
REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Matthew Lubbers, Recreation Services Manager
SUBJECT: Trails Funding Programme

STRATEGIC PLAN:

7.1 Create a supportive pedestrian and cycling environment by pursuing active transportation and walkable community initiatives in accordance with County and local plans and in cooperation with local groups and organizations.

BACKGROUND:

The County of Wellington created a Trail Funding Programme in February of 2015 providing a maximum of \$350,000 over 3 years to encourage local municipalities to develop trails within their communities. With 7 municipalities in Wellington, the Town of Minto is eligible to receive up to \$50,000 through this program until November 30th, 2018. The County is prepared to match funds spent by the Town on trails development so long as the project or projects are supported by a resolution of Town of Minto Council and by the County of Wellington's Planning Committee. The Town received \$29,173.76 from the County for projects in 2015 and 2016 leaving up to \$20,826.24 available.

COMMENTS:

The Recreation Department spent \$43,290.30 on four trail development initiatives in 2017. Projects included the purchase of a boom flair mower attachment, a scraper as well as tree maintenance and trail regrading.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Partial funding of these expenditures, or \$20,826.24, will be considered by the County's Planning Committee upon a resolution of endorsement from this Council. Supporting invoices will be submitted to County staff. This would mean the Town has utilized the existing programme to its fullest. A new programme may be a possibility moving forward.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the Recreation Services Manager's February 2nd, 2018 report regarding Trails Funding Programme and endorses these trails initiatives and expenditures from 2017 and requests \$20,826.24 in funding from the County Trail Funding Programme.

Matthew Lubbers, Recreation Services Manager