

**TOWN OF MINTO**

DATE: November 29th, 2016
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 to provide 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. In 2015, the Town received \$7,171.26 from the County.

COMMENTS:

The Recreation Department spent \$43,987.39 on trail development in 2016. Projects included LED lighting upgrades in Lions Heritage Park, trail widening from 3rd Line to 7th Line and the installation of road crossing culverts on the Clifford trail.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

50% funding from the County of these expenditures, or \$21,993.70, 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 leave \$20,835.04 worth of matching funding available to the Town for future trails initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the Recreation Services Manager's November 29th, 2016 report regarding Trails Funding Programme and endorses these trails initiatives and expenditures from 2016 and requests \$21,993.70 in funding from the County from their Trail Funding Programme.

Matthew Lubbers, Recreation Services Manager