



TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Trails Advisory Committee

From: Anne Marie Young
Manager of Economic Development

Date prepared: November 28, 2014

Date of meeting: December 4, 2014

Re: Trails Advisory Committee – 2014 Work Plan Update

Committee Recommendation

THAT the Trails Advisory Committee receive this *2014 Work Plan Update* report for information.

AND FURTHER THAT the Trails Advisory Committee recommend that County Council approve to divert ATV traffic from the K&P Trail where it conjuncts with Oclean Lane.

Background

At the October 16, 2013 regular meeting of County Council, Council approved the Trails Advisory Committee Work Plan for 2014.

Goal/Vision

The vision of the County of Frontenac stated in *Directions for Our Future* is *Fresh with Opportunity Growing Vibrant, Innovative, Natural, Sustainable Places*. Within the context, the Vision shared in the Frontenac Trails Master Plan can be read:

Trails in the County of Frontenac promote sustainable and healthy communities by encouraging residents and visitors to get active while appreciating the natural beauty and rich heritage of Frontenac County.

Mandate

- To provide input and suggestions regarding the execution of Implementation Plan for the Frontenac K&P Trail.

- To provide input and suggestions regarding other trails initiatives throughout the County including the Townships of North, Central, South Frontenac and Frontenac Islands.
- To report periodically to County Council on progress on the committee's work.

Comment

Amendments to the Procedural By-law regarding Term of Citizen Appointments

The County of Frontenac Procedural By-law establishes the Terms of Reference for all Committees of County Council – including member's terms of appointment – and states that members shall hold office from the date of their appointment up to the end of the term of Council, that being November 30th of a Municipal Election Year. Given that the new Council will not officially take office until the inaugural meeting of County Council, scheduled for December 17, 2014, appointments to Committees would not happen until late January or February, 2015. As such, County Council, at its July 16th meeting, approved an amendment to the Procedural By-law that dictates that Citizen Committee members continue to serve on a committee past the expiration of their term, until they are replaced. Council membership on Committees will end on November 30 of a municipal election year.

Work Plan activities realized to date:

1. Provide input and suggestions to recognize and realize actions relative to the County of Frontenac Trails Master Plan.

The application to the National Coalition Council of Canada is being deemed unsuccessful at this time and may be considered under a second round.

2. Target to fully open the K&P section from South Frontenac Rd 38 near Craig Road to White Lake Road in 2014.

As previously reported the Craig Road to White Lake Road has been completed as planned.

An additional build became possible with the successful application by the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance (EOTA) to the Community Futures Development Corporation. The funding amount approved is \$220,000 for a \$580,000 project. The County is responsible for \$360,000. The project completion date if February 1, 2015 has been extended to February 28, 2015.

Letters were sent to adjacent landowners on October 28, 2014 to inform them of the build from White Lake Road to Oclean Lane.

In keeping with the funding parameters, a partnership agreement was struck with EOTA whereby EOTA will hire and pay the contractor (which is Crain Construction) and includes gravel and trucking. The County will cover brushing

and grading and the construction of the Elbow Creek Bridge. A RFP was issued for the latter at the beginning of November. The contractor has moved quickly and the trail construction should be completed by the middle of December. This section was to stop just short of a property near Central Frontenac Township road Oclean Lane anticipating that here we could to gain access to Elbow Creek bridge location from the north. As it turns out a one lane bridge on Oclean Lane does not have the load capacity to accommodate heavy equipment and the only access to the Elbow Creek location from the north is through the Fish Creek Bridge, which is not yet constructed. To resolve this complication it was decided to issue an addendum to the existing RFP asking bidders to include a separate bid on the Fish Creek Bridge subject to funding. The bid closes December 4, 2014. In the meantime a beaver dam has been removed from the Elbow Creek bridge location and a geotechnical investigation has been completed at the south end of the proposed structure.

Also, with the use smaller equipment to gain access across the Oclean Lane bridge, construction has taken place south to the Elbow Creek bridge location and brushing completed north to the Fish Creek Bridge area. An adjacent land owner has contacted the County to express great concern for endangered reptile species that may be present on the trail from the Oclean Lane access up to Fish Creek. Staff visited the location and met with the landowner. He has asked that Committee recommend to Council that the County divert ATV traffic only to Oclean Lane in order to prevent harm to these reptiles. A map is provided as Appendix A.

3. Work with adjacent landowners and private property owners (in the areas of discontinuity) to establish the trail route in preparation for phasing as outlined the 2013 Frontenac K&P Implementation Plan – Phase 2.

This activity is slated for winter of 2015.

4. Communicate with other trail organizations and invite them to committee meetings to share best practices and possible partnerships.

The L & A Ridge Runner Snowmobile Club is opening the gates on the Frontenac K&P Trail for December 1st as per the approved protocol.

Staff is attending a Tri-County trail meeting in Perth on November 28th and will report at the TAC meeting.

5. Ensure that the committee's time is allocated evenly between the implementation of the Frontenac K&P and other initiatives that facilitate the development and/or marketing of other trail systems as identified in the 2014 Trails Concept Plan for the County of Frontenac.

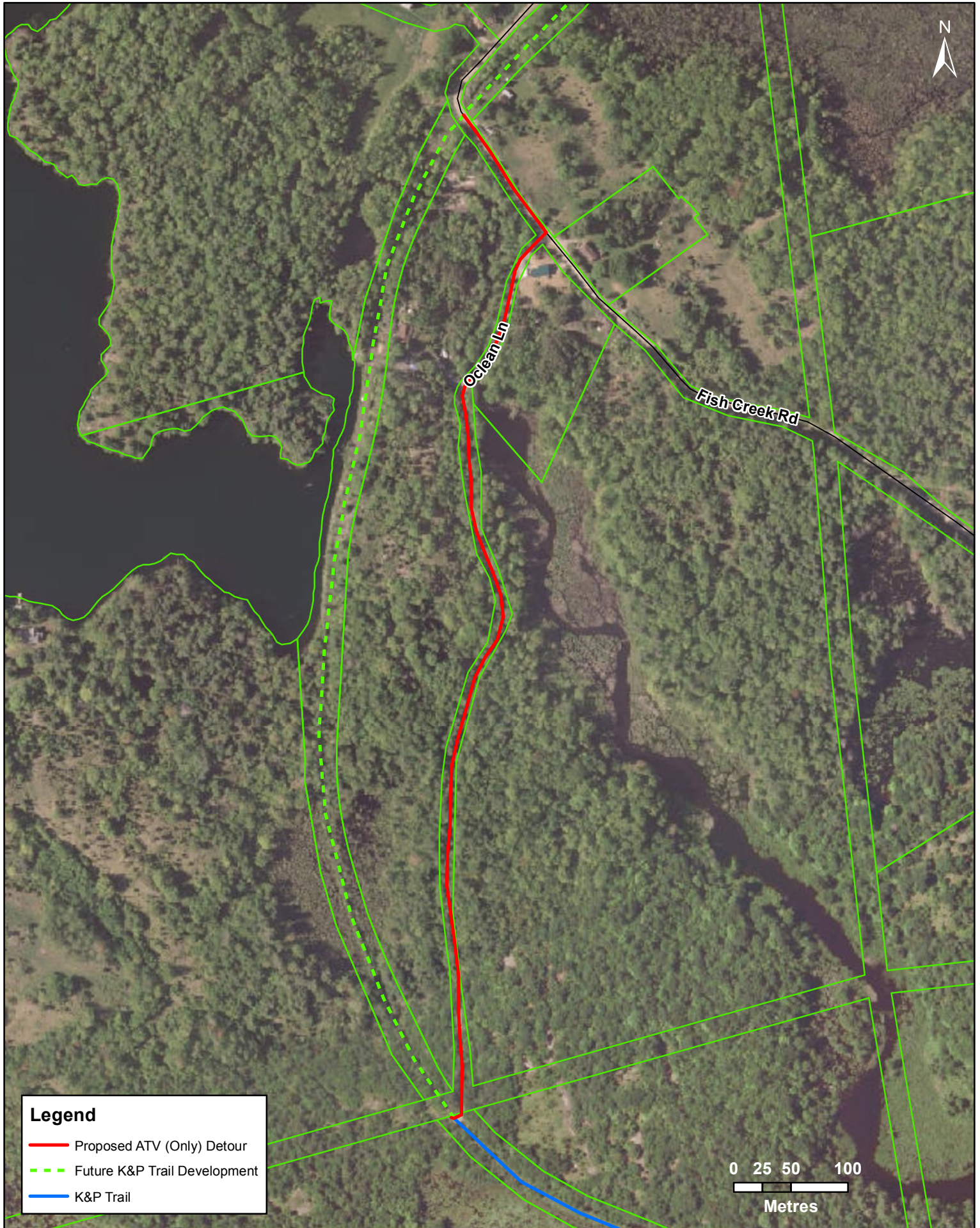
Further meetings are needed in Frontenac Islands and North Frontenac to gain further information for possible trail scenarios for inclusion in the draft Trails Concept Plan for Frontenac.

Financial Implication

Provision for trail related expenses have been included in the 2014 budget.

Organizations, Departments and Individuals Consulted and/or Affected

Township of North Frontenac
Township of Central Frontenac
Township of South Frontenac
Township of Frontenac Islands
Trans Canada Trail
Cataraqi Region Conservation Authority
Quinte Region Conservation Authority
Rideau Region Conservation Authority
Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance
Adjacent landowners to the K&P Trail
Tri-County Trails Committee
Land O Lakes Tourist Association
Frontenac Arch Biosphere



Legend

- Proposed ATV (Only) Detour
- - - Future K&P Trail Development
- K&P Trail

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