



Staff Report to Council - for Information

Title: Bruce County Active Transportation and Recreational Trails Master Plan-Public Review

From: Adam Stanley, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services

Date: April 18, 2024

Report Purpose:

This report is for information.

Report Summary:

The Bruce County Active Transportation and Recreational Trails Master Plan was presented by R.J. Burnside and Associates Limited and received by Council on September 21, 2023. As part of the Master Plan process, the document was posted on the County website for public review for 45 days. During this period there were a total of 7 comment submissions received by interested stakeholders and have been attached in Appendix C (p. 114-128) to the final plan.

Background:

R.J. Burnside and Associates Limited was retained by Bruce County in 2022 to develop an Active Transportation and Recreational Trails Master Plan recommending a vision and goals for existing and future active transportation and recreational trails in the County. The plan was developed in consultation with key stakeholders such as local municipalities, agencies, local community groups, Indigenous communities and the public. The Plan is specific to the Bruce Country Rail Trail, County road rights of way and County Forests.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations with this report. Future projects related to the Master Plan will be brought forward for council's consideration during the annual budget presentations.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

None

Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:

Strategic Goals

Goal 1. Build a strong and inclusive community (Drive community well-being)

Goal 2. Enhance and grow partnerships (Support Indigenous engagement and reconciliation actions)

Goal 4. Promote responsible growth (Improve transportation options and connectivity in Bruce County)

Goal 7. Build capacity to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change (Protect and enhance the natural environment and green spaces in the county)

Link to Departmental Plan Goals and Objectives, if any:

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