



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF
SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY SELECT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 9, 2017 @ 7:30pm
Pike House, 1589 Millstream Road

PRESENT: Warren Lee, Vice Chair
Kelly Pearson, Recording Secretary
Bob McMinn
Janet Williams

COUNCIL LIAISON: Ann Baird

IN ATTENDANCE: Planner, Laura Beckett
CAO, Lorraine Hilton
Councillor Gord Baird
Councillor Marcie McLean
1 members of the public

ABSENT: Mark Montgomery, Chair

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY: BOB MCMINN
SECONDED: JANET WILLIAMS

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED BY: KELLY PEARSON
SECONDED: JANET WILLIAMS

That the minutes of March 15, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

3. UPDATE FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

Ann Baird gave an overview of the following Council activities: the Budget has passed its 4th reading; the West Fire Hall is near completion, and upcoming meetings have been scheduled for Neighborhood Emergency Group HELP groups. Details available in council meeting minutes on District website.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) COMMUNICATION APPLICATION

As previously discussed. In addition, an SSSC group has been created by Councillor Gord Baird on District website for committee members to try out.

b) NEIGHBOURHOOD EMERGENCY GROUP PLANNING

HDCA Chair has contacted members of previous groups who will meet to initiate re-formation of HELP groups.

c) MARY LAKE UPDATE

Despite poor weather, approximately 80 people were in attendance for the April 29 event. Walks of site continue on first Sunday of each month, with an additional walk scheduled for Mother's Day. Fundraising continues.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Council Referral from May 1, 2017

RE: SUBDIVISION AND PARK DEDICATION

Committee members, District staff, Councillors, the developer and his biologist walked the property at 1720 Millstream prior to SSSC meeting to review site features with respect to trail access, links and placement. Discussion followed, including consideration of location of trails, issues of ease of access and safety considerations, construction challenges and maintenance.

MOVED BY: BOB MCMINN
SECONDED: KELLY PEARSON

That the SSSC recommends to Council:

1. That Council adopt a park and trail plan as per tonight's discussion, including legal provisions to allow easements and rights of way for future roadside access points and/or gates and trail sections along/within strata property which may arise in the future;
2. That construction materials, for the trails, be obtained from materials onsite, such as cut trees, blasted rocks and boulders where appropriate;
3. That the approving officer be given as specific parameters as possible for trail construction location and materials with a goal of maximizing/ensuring longevity of trail components such as boardwalks, gravel surfacing (depth), and signage, where appropriate;
4. That the SSSC will provide a map marked accordingly with proposed trail sections, along with accompanying explanation of ideas (see attached document and the two pdf files).

MOVED BY: BOB MCMINN
SECONDED: KELLY PEARSON

Notwithstanding the above motion, the SSSC recommends that if the trail alignment and placement cannot be built such that it can be reasonably used and maintained, then the committee would wish to revisit the site and revise our recommendation.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: KELLY PEARSON
SECONDED: JANET WILLIAMS

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Recording Secretary

Chair

The proposed trail system through Millstream Creek Properties consists of four elements.

1. A new trail constructed beside the wetland with connection to the strata road
2. A new strata roadside/Millstream Creek trail
3. The existing trail beside Millstream Creek, with no new construction
4. A legal right-of-way from Millstream Road, through a pedestrian gate (provided), along the south side of the strata road, along the east side of the "causeway" (this trail link not constructed at present) to join the newly constructed trail alongside the strata road.

1. New trail beside wetland

This trail, which starts at the west property line, cuts into the bank to make a 1.5metere wide trail beside the wetland (running more or less through the centre of the property). Toward the easterly end, it slopes south easterly and crosses the strata road. Initial examination of the route showed that it could be constructed by a bobcat or mini excavator to yield a solid mineral soil based trail, with few if any trees cut. A gravel substrate of six inches would be finished with 3-4 inches of native soil surface. There would be no encroachment on the wetland.

2. New trail beside strata road and Millstream Creek

After crossing the strata road, the trail would be on the east side of the strata road, with the east side of the trail bounded by the slope down to Millstream Creek. The west side of the 1.5metre wide trail would be clearly separated from the strata road by a line of rocks or other markers that would explicitly define the trail. The trail would be compact gravel, topped with mineral soil.

3. Existing trail beside Millstream

After the strata road veers into the subdivision, the trail would continue on the existing (trail) road, south to the property line, without further work being done by the developer. Later trail maintenance funding could add a gravel substrate topped with native soil as needed for stabilizing the trail.

4. Trail easement

In order to safeguard the feasibility of construction of a future trail from a Millstream Road roadside trail, the legal authority for a trail connecting to the trails in the Millstream Creek Properties must be established. Other than a footpath gate beside the roadway gate to the gated community, no trail construction would be done at this time. It is paramount that the legal right for a trail south of the strata road which can connect to the trail beside Millstream Creek be established

Trail Connections:

The possibility of an amenity park being established on 721 Lorimer Road property provides the opportunity for the trail links designated as 1, 2, and 3 to form a loop trail through the proposed Mary Lake Park. The proposed amenity park also provides an opportunity for a north/south trail through to Lorimer Road. A roadside trail along Lorimer Road would connect to Highland Park Terrace and Gowlland Tod Park.

The SSSC consider that a trail along the driveway (a former Brotherston road) is not an attractive alternative unless the trail is physically separated from the travelled portion of the driveway by a barrier, preferably including native bushes which clearly demark the trail from the driveway. This would entail widening the driveway on its north side. If the driveway route were considered, the trail should cross the height of land at the head of the wetland and then become the same trail route as indicated as Part 1 of the preferred trail routing.

While trail link 1 is within the riparian setback, a properly constructed trail is considered to have no negative impact on the wetland.

It is understood that the wetland and the terrain used by the trail from the west boundary to the strata road would become a municipal park. This parkland would be contiguous with the proposed Mary Lake Park and the proposed amenity park on the 721 Lorimer Road property.

new proposed trail alongside wetland and base of slope N of lots (built by bobcat - new) --- wetland to Highlands Parkland

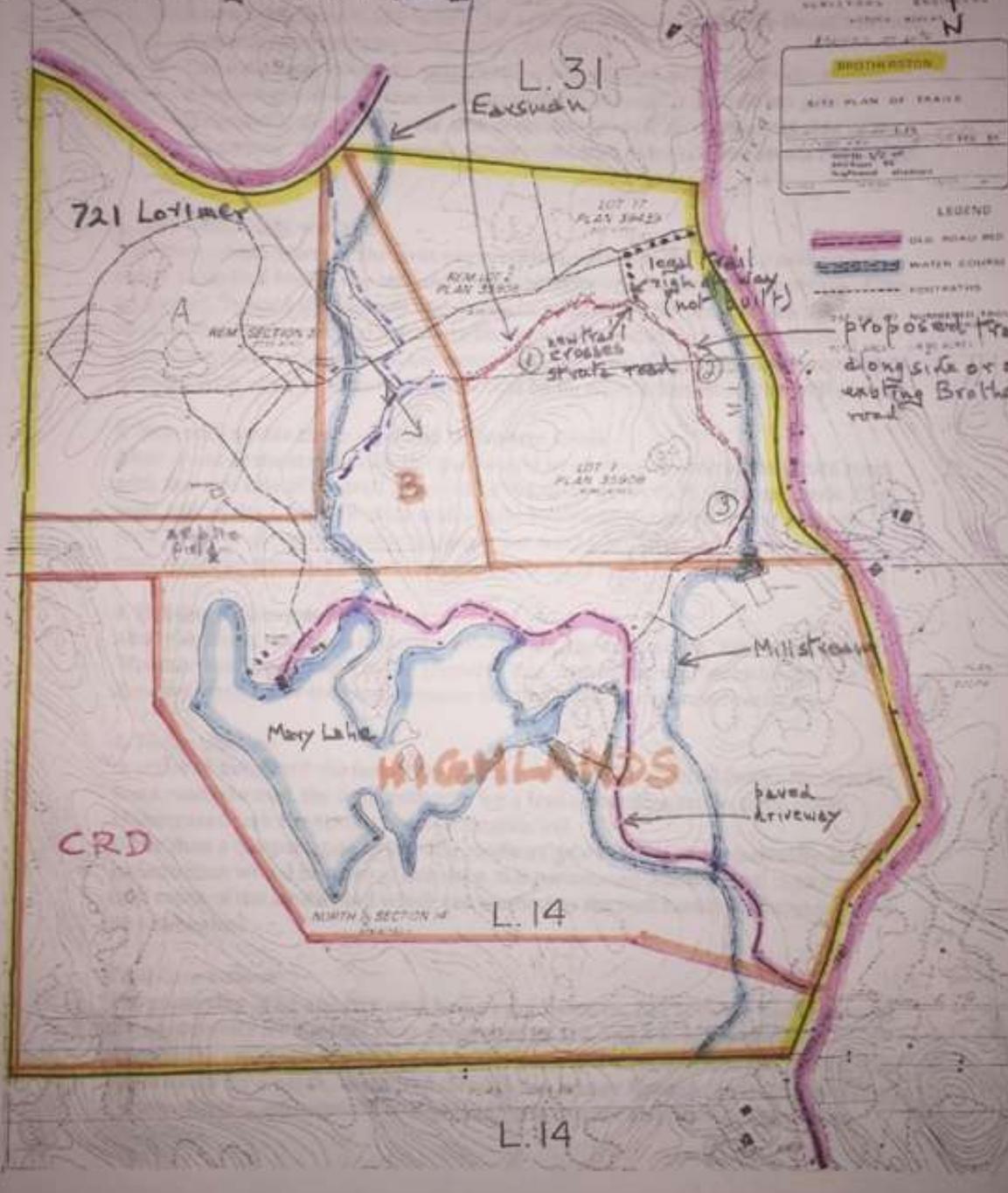
B Proposed amenity parkland with trail from Marylh to join 9 lot trail and to join Lorine Rd

J. Anderson and Associates
SURVEYORS ENGINEERS
10000 Highway 94
Highland Station

SITE PLAN OF TRAILS	
Scale	1:25
Sheet 1 of 2	Highland Station

LEGEND

	OLD ROAD BED
	WATER COURSE
	CONTRACTED



proposed trail alongside or on existing Brotherhood road

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