



**OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM**

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TO: DEPUTY MAYOR, B. WARD AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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RE: NORTH SHORE TRAIL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW (WARDS 1 AND 2)

DATE: May 9, 2022

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update on the North Shore Trail Vegetation Management Plan Review. City Council directed staff (through Motion 20-G-215) to review the Council-approved 2011 North Shore Trail Vegetation Management Plan.

The North Shore Trail is a continuous four-metre-wide limestone path constructed on the original rail bed extending from the foot of Mulcaster Street to the eastern city limit at Penetanguishene Road. The trail is the northern extension of Barrie's existing waterfront trail and is classified as one of four main trail systems in the city. The North Shore Trail Vegetation Management Plan is used by the City in the implementation of vegetation maintenance work along the trail system, including views from the trail.

The City of Barrie has engaged Greenland International Consulting to update the North Shore Trail Vegetation Management Plan. The deliverables for the project are to:

- Update the existing Vegetation Management Plan, prepare Cost Estimates, and Sequencing Requirements for implementing any recommended improvements to the Plan;
- Prepare a Report summarizing the existing physical and natural heritage environment within the North Shore Trail and documenting the planning and decision-making process resulting in the recommend Management Plan;
- Provide erosion mitigation recommendations and specifications for areas of concern; and
- Prepare maps outlining the recommended maintenance areas with management prescriptions specific to each maintenance area.

Online public engagement through the www.buildingbarrie.ca/northshoretrail webpage, where participants can learn about the project and provide their feedback via an online survey. The online survey will open on **May 18, 2022**, and the survey results will be summarized in a report to Council in Q3 of this year.

Public Information Centre (virtual) will be held on:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting, Register Online

The PIC will be advertised on social media starting **May 9, 2022**. Interested participants may register online through www.buildingbarrie.ca/northshoretrail.



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At the PIC meeting, Greenland International Consulting will provide a presentation on the recommended improvements to the North Shore Trail maintenance program. The public will be invited to ask questions.

The presentation will be posted on www.buildingbarrie.ca/northshoretrail after the PIC. Residents, property owners and interest groups are invited to complete a short online survey or submit comments regarding the Management Plan by end of day **Friday, June 3, 2022**.

City Council members are invited to attend. If there are any questions associated with this review, please contact Kevin Rankin at kevin.rankin@barrie.ca.