



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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**RE: DECOMMISSIONING OF THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL INSCRIPTION PROGRAM
– THE GREAT TRAIL PAVILION – TIFFIN BOAT LAUNCH**

DATE: MARCH 29, 2021

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update concerning the decommissioning of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) pavilion at the Tiffin Boat Launch.

The Trans Canada Trail (rebranded as “The Great Trail”) stretches nearly 24,000 km across Canada. The Pavilion Inscription Program was launched by the Trans Canada Trail Foundation to support trail development. Council approved the construction of Barrie’s TCT pavilion in 2000 with funding by the Rotary Club of Barrie (Figure 1) through motion 00-G-117. The City entered into an Agreement with the TCT Foundation wherein the City took ownership of the Pavilion and assumed all maintenance costs on April 20, 2001. The role of the TCT Foundation was to coordinate the fundraising campaign and supply completed donor panels for mounting within the Pavilion.

The pavilion was constructed to include three donor walls as per the standard TCT architectural plans. The City of Barrie managed the south Donor Wall in accordance with the Inscription Program standards and retained the funds for these donations to assist fund the construction of the TCT locally. The TCT Foundation managed the remaining north and west walls. The TCT Foundation discontinued the Pavilion Inscription Program in 2012.

With many of the TCT pavilions across the country fallen into a state of disrepair, the TCT Foundation decided in 2020 to decommission the majority of the pavilions in order to focus local trail budgets on trail maintenance. All donor inscriptions from the decommissioned pavilions were transferred to twenty-six pavilions that were chosen by the TCT to remain in-place to carry on the legacy of the program. The TCT Foundation Inscription donor names located on the two walls in the Barrie pavilion have been transferred to the pavilion in Uxbridge, Ontario. In response to this program change, the City of Barrie has been requested by the TCT to decommission its pavilion by March 31, 2021.

Unlike many of the other TCT pavilions, the City’s pavilion will not be removed, but will be repurposed into a programmable space to activate this prime waterfront gateway. Two of the walls will be removed to open the north and south sightlines into the pavilion. The third wall against the parking lot will be retained to offer a backdrop with a potential mural.

The donor panel recognizing the key donation by the Rotary Club of Barrie and the names of Barrie donors who contributed locally will be consolidated onto a new sign and placed in a high profile location next to the pavilion in the adjacent planting bed. This will honour those contributions supporting the creation of The Great Trail while providing an opportunity to re-envision the space. Information regarding the decommissioning process will be promoted through social media and on The Great Trail web page on barrie.ca. Signage indicating this program change will be affixed to the pavilion for a minimum of one year (Figure 2).



Figure 1: View facing west of the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion at the Tiffin Boat Launch

Notice to all Trans Canada Trail Donors

The Trans Canada Trail (TCT) Inscription Program started almost two decades ago. Although it proved very popular across Canada, the increasing costs of maintaining pavilions started to draw much-needed funds away from the essential trail projects that TCT supports.

As a result, this pavilion will be decommissioned and repurposed in spring 2021.

However, to honour our past donors, all inscriptions have moved from this pavilion to the pavilion in Uxbridge, Ontario. They are also listed online.

The decision to decommission this pavilion was not taken lightly. However, donations support TCT's principal aim—the development and enhancement of The Great Trail.

For more information, visit barrie.ca/trails

**View inscriptions online at:
thegreattrail.ca/pavilion-lookup**



Figure 2: Decommissioning Notice to be mounted on pavilion