

## **Request for Recommendation**

Agreement with Rainbow Routes Association Concerning the Construction of Non-motorized Trails on City Property

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### **Recommendation**

Whereas the Rainbow Routes Association is an incorporated, non-for-profit organization committed to the development and promotion of non-motorized trails in Greater Sudbury; and

Whereas the current legal agreement between the City of Greater Sudbury and Rainbow Routes Association authorizing the organization to construct non-motorized trails on City of Greater Sudbury property expires on June 25, 2009; and

Whereas the Rainbow Routes Association have met the terms and conditions as set out in the existing legal agreement to enhance Greater Sudbury's local non-motorized trail network;

Therefore, let it be resolved that the General Manager of Community Development be authorized to execute a new legal agreement between the Rainbow Routes Association and the City of Greater Sudbury authorizing the construction of non-motorized trails on City property for a five year period ending June 25, 2014.

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## **Background**

Rainbow Routes is a not-for-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the development and promotion of non-motorized trails generally, and the Trans Canada Trail in particular, for the City of Greater Sudbury. Since incorporating in 1998, the organization has constructed over 30km of new non-motorized trails and provided enhancements and improvements to several existing trails. In addition to their trail development work, the Rainbow Routes Association has also promoted local non-motorized trails through the development of signage, trail maps, programs and events.

The City of Greater Sudbury and the Rainbow Routes Association entered into a five year agreement on June 24, 2005 authorizing the construction of non-motorized trails on City of Greater Sudbury property. Under this agreement, the Rainbow Routes Association have built the following trails:

- construction of Bell Park bike path
- upgrading of Voyageur trail to a four-season trail (5km)
- construction of Kelly Lake trail (5km)
- construction of the Garson Park trail (2km)
- construction of Selkirk trail extention (2km)
- construction of the Bethel Lake boardwalk
- completion of Bethel Lake trail (2km)
- completion of Sagebrush to Maley Drive section of the Junction Creek Waterway Park (1Km)
- development of the Copper Cliff trail (2km)
- construction of Langdon Park trail (1km)
- development of the Robinson Lake trail/boardwalk (completion in 2009)

The current legal agreement expires on June 25, 2009.

# **Aspects of the Proposed Legal Agreement**

Staff are recommending that the City of Greater Sudbury renew the legal agreement between the Rainbow Routes Association and the City for an additional five year period, expiring on June 25, 2014. The agreement grants the General Manager of Community Development the authority to approve the construction of non-motorized trails on City property, provided that the Rainbow Routes Association meet conditions such as:

- provide satisfactory evidence that project funding has been secured
- prior to construction, detailed project plans and specifications are submitted including environmental assessments and drainage plans as required
- submit evidence that an engineer has provided designs and/or project supervision where it is deemed necessary for a project
- that the organization has necessary insurance in place and where independent contractors are used for a project, that they also provide proof of required insurance
- obtain and comply with all necessary permits, licences, approvals as required by any federal or provincial statute, any municipal by-law or by any regulatory body
- ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to ensure the safety of the persons working on the project and those who may be on or near the project site

# **Future Project Plans**

The Rainbow Routes Association will be working on the following non-motorized trail development projects in 2009 and beyond:

- Junction Creek trail (Martindale to Kelly Lake Road section)
- Junction Creek trail (St. Catherines & Riverside Drive section)
- Completion of Robinson Lake trail/boardwalk
- Expansion of the Voyageur trail system in Azilda
- Extension of the Bethel Lake trail
- Assisting Trails North with trail development in the area, including Langdon Park trail
- Ramsey Lake Road Path project