



Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 21, 2018

Date: June 14, 2018

From: Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Jeremy Loveday

Subject: Implementation of Summit Park Management Plan: McNair Trail

Background:

The City of Victoria's Summit Park Management Plan (2012) (attached) includes the recommendation to formalize the existing ad-hoc trail that connects McNair Street to Summit Park: "Formalize connection of informal trail to TELUS tower view point." The Plan notes that this trail provides the "primary access for [the] Mallek Crescent area" in the Oaklands neighbourhood. The trail is also used frequently by residents of McNair Street and Cook Street.

This project was recommended for implementation in a period of three (3) to seven (7) years after adoption of the Plan – i.e. completion between 2014 and 2019 – at an estimated total project cost of \$8,000. More recent evaluation and cost estimates by City of Victoria Parks staff have identified these pathway improvements as likely requiring installation of some stairs due to the steep grade, at an estimated project cost of \$30,000.

Residents of McNair Street have addressed Council requesting completion of this work without delay, in order to provide safe access to Summit Park, and also to reduce the ecological impact associated with use of the existing ad-hoc trail.

It is therefore recommended that Council provide direction to staff to include an allocation for the McNair Trail to Summit Park in the 2019 draft Financial Plan.

Recommendation:

That Council provide direction to staff to include an allocation in the 2019 draft Financial Plan for improvements to the McNair Trail to Summit Park, consistent with the implementation timeline adopted in the Summit Park Management Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Isitt

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Councillor Loveday

Attachment:

1. Summit Park Management Plan, 2012