

Memo



Date: September 28, 2011
File: 1340-20
To: City Manager
From: T. Barton, Parks & Public Places, Manager, Infrastructure Planning
Subject: Landfill Trail
As prepared by B. Davidson, Parks Planner

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Parks & Public Places, Manager dated September 6, 2011 with respect to Landfill Trail;

AND THAT the letter dated September 2, 2011 from the Quail Ridge Residents Association to rename the Landfill Trail to Eagle View Trail be received;

AND THAT Council approves the renaming of the Landfill Trail as Eagle View Trail;

AND FURTHER THAT Council officially designates the Eagle View Trail for use by Equestrians.

Purpose:

Staff has received a request from the Quail Ridge Residents Association to rename the recently constructed Landfill Trail. In accordance with Park Naming Policy (Council Policy 251), park name changes must be approved by Council.

In addition, staff recommend formalizing this trail for use by horses.

Background:

Construction of the first phase of a multi-phased trail network on City land adjacent to the Landfill is nearing completion. This first phase is a 2.6 km loop that is accessible from Quail Crescent in the north and compliments the existing trail adjacent to the GEID flume at Quail Ridge Linear Park, (see Attachment 1). As a stakeholder, the Quail Ridge Residents Association (QRRRA) was advised of the construction project which to date has been known as the Landfill Trail.

The QRRRA submitted a formal request to staff on September 6, 2011 to rename the trail Eagle View.

According to Council 251, the Park Naming Policy, typically a park or trail is named after the road on which it is located. However, in this case "Quail" is included in the names of nearby Quail Place Neighbourhood Park, and Quail Ridge Linear Park. The second option outlined in the Park Naming Policy is to name the park / trail after a unique geographic feature.

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The QRRA established a naming committee of 10 members. The committee shortlisted three potential names for the trail and canvassed their membership of 200 to identify the preferred name. Eagle View Trail was voted by members of the Residents Association as the most popular choice as the new trail traverses an area where eagles are regularly observed, (see Attachment 2). Staff supports this initiative, the proposed name change, and finds it consistent with the Park Naming Policy.

This area is informally used by equestrians. In order to formalize equestrian use of a trail and in accordance with Section 2.8 of Bylaw No. 6819-91, the Parks and Public Spaces Bylaw, an Equestrian Park must be designated by Council resolution. Bylaw 6819-91 has also established other restrictions related to equestrian use, i.e., a horse must be ridden, or handled by a person capable of controlling the horse at all times.

By designating for equestrian use and renaming the trail at this time, the appropriate text can be integrated into the trailhead signage prior to installation onsite this fall.

Internal Circulation:

Manager, Parks Services
Manager, Parks and Public Places, Infrastructure Planning
Manager, Parks and Public Spaces, Design and Construction

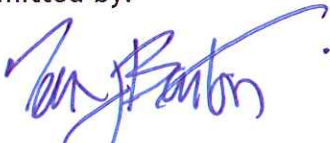
Existing Policy:

Council Policy 251 - Park Naming Policy
Bylaw No. 6819-91 - Parks and Public Spaces Bylaw

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:
Financial/Budgetary Considerations:
Personnel Implications:
External Agency/Public Comments:
Communications Comments:
Alternate Recommendation:

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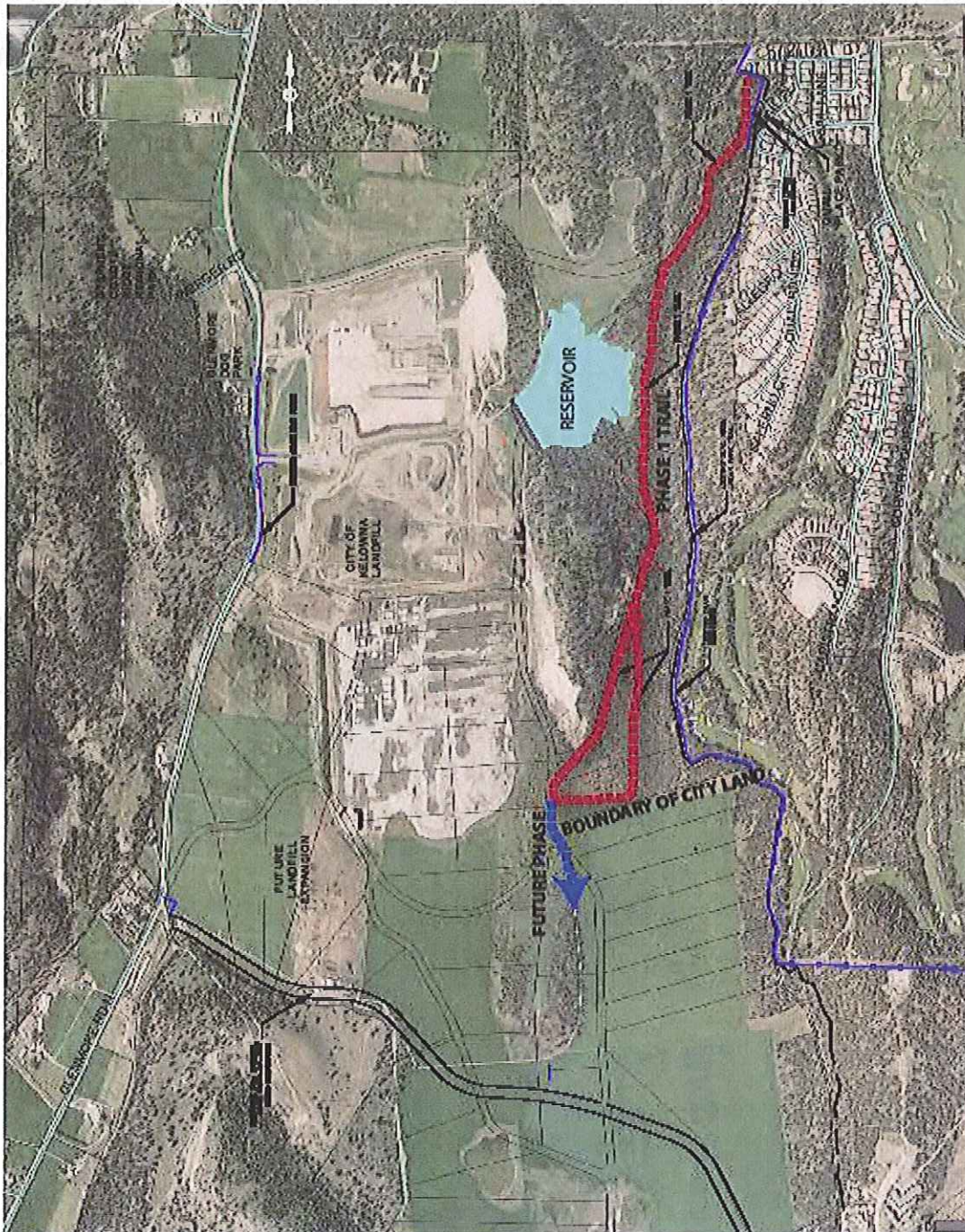
T. Barton, Manager, Parks & Public Places

Approved for inclusion:



Randy Cleveland, Director, Infrastructure Planning

cc: Director, Infrastructure Planning
Director, Design and Construction
Director, Civic Operations



Landfill Trail - Phase 1

Attachment 2



To: Mayor Shepherd and City of Kelowna Council

02.09.2011

Re: Request for the Renaming of Landfill Trail

We would like to make a request under the City of Kelowna Park Naming Policy for a change of name for a new trail in the valley west of the Quail Ridge Linear Trail .. north end. The name currently assigned to this welcome new addition to the trail system is .. Landfill Trail.

Actions taken by the QRRRA to date are as follows:

An Informal Parks Naming Committee, consisting of 10 people who are regular trail users, developed a list of possible new names. The words Quail and Linear were not used to avoid possible confusion with the existing trail. Although the new trail comes relatively close to the east face of Tutt Mountain, the name Tutt was not used knowing that a loop is planned at a later stage to run from this new trail over to Tutt Mountain. "Tutt Loop" may be considered for this trail. The initial longer list was prioritized by vote of the Naming Committee and 3 names were recommended for consideration by our community.

The following trail names and accompanying background information were voted on by our QRRRA email residents:

- Avocet Trail The area is the first regularly used nesting site in the Province (2008 Glenmore Landfill Development Plan) for the American Avocet. The new ponds in the vicinity of our new trail were designed, in part, to entice the Avocet to use this new habitat for nesting purposes vs. the current area south of the Landfill where more development is active and proposed.
- Balsam Root Trail The Balsam Root Sunflower (also called the Okanagan Sunflower) is abundant and offers amazing vistas on the slopes between the new trail and the Quail Linear Trail. This seasonal view will be memorable for trail users.
- Eagle View Trail The new trail traverses an area where eagles are seen and heard. One can see raptor guards that were installed on the cross members of some of the power poles in the area to protect these birds.

The name Eagle View Trail was the clear winner and is our recommendation to replace the current name .. Landfill Trail. The other 2 recommended names each received approximately 24% of the votes cast.

We were appreciative of the involvement and support of our residents in the process of developing a recommendation for a new trail name. We believe that having residents involved creates added awareness of the trails, encourages more trail users and helps build community.

We trust that the choice of name selected by the community will receive favourable consideration from Council. We look forward to learning of your decision.

Respectfully,

W.M. "Mac" Campbell

President,

Quail Ridge Residents' Association