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Northwest Quadrant Trail Enhancement Phase 5 Public Consultation Questions Received

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1. I would love if Newmarket could consider an off-leash trail. Oshawa has one, Harmony Valley Conservation Area & Off-Leash Dog Park and Trail and I go on occasion. It is a wonderful place to visit with our dog.
<https://www.oshawa.ca/residents/Off-Leash-Areas.asp>

Answer: Thanks for the suggestion. We will take this back to the team to discuss.

2. We live at the end of Frederick Curran Lane and when we purchased the Town had provided trail maps showing that one of the trails beginning by the Frederick Curran Lane pumping station. We are navigating a person made access to a trail along the storm water reservoir but it's very difficult to navigate by foot. Has or will this area connect to a trail?

Answer: As per Newmarket's Active Transportation Implementation Plan, there is a proposed trail connection to Frederick Curran Lane but unfortunately, this connection is not a part of this phase of the North West Quadrant Trail system.

3. Is there a way to create a trail without putting in asphalt? Could we just have a natural trail instead that's less than 3m but wide enough for 2 people to walk together?

Answer: This trail is considered an active transportation route that connects residents from Woodland Hills Phase 7 to the existing paved asphalt trail system (Dave Kerwin Trail). Asphalt is proposed for this trail to be accessible for all residents to use and enjoy.

4. Pending Council's approval, what is the approximate timeline to complete this trail? Will any portion of the trail be closed during construction?

Answer: Pending Council's approval, construction is slated for 2022 start and is anticipated to be a full year of construction. Access to the forest will be blocked to ensure safety of the residents.

5. Is there a way to push the trail further out from the houses on Art West Way? At the current design, we would see people walking by specially in winter when leaves and bushes aren't covering the view. Could the trail be on the other side of the river further away from the Art West Avenue homes backyards?

Answer: The trail is currently very close and following the alignment of the river which provides approximately 40m buffer space between the homes on Art West Way Avenue

to the proposed trail. The initial proposed trail alignment was immediately behind the homes of the various subdivisions but we have chosen against this to respect the privacy of homes while balancing the need of this important trail connection.

6. What considerations have been taken for the use of the pathway by people in wheelchairs?

Answer: We have met and are trying to exceed all AODA regulations for exterior asphalt trails. In addition, we have widened the asphalt trails at tight bends and reduced the slope to ensure there is enough room to accommodate resting areas.

7. Will you be cleaning up the old farm fencing materials in the area?

Answer: When construction is set to begin, if there are materials obstructing the trail construction area, the Town of Newmarket will be cleaning it up.

8. There is a lack of playground / parkette space near Clifford Perry Place. Will there be a future park or parkette in the area as travelling to Environmental Park is quite far.

Answer: At this time, there isn't sufficient Town-owned land to construct a playground or parkette. There may be some green space in the area that may seem like it could be used, however, the space may not be owned by the Town or, there isn't sufficient enough space for a park/parkette.

9. Will a safer trail route be constructed along Bathurst Street from Woodspring Avenue?

Answer: A design is currently underway to install an asphalt trail along Bathurst St from Davis Drive to Woodspring Avenue on the east side. Construction start date is not available.

10. Will there be emergency phone booths installed along the trail for safety?

Answer: We have not historically installed these phone booths along the trails in Newmarket but will certainly review the idea. If light poles are ever installed along this trail it can be re-assessed at that time.

11. Will there be dedicated receptacles for pet waste along the trails?

Answer: We typically design tri-waste receptacles to be located at the entrances to trails for efficient garbage pick-up and reduce impact to the forest.

12. Will there be a trail connected near the Frederick Curran Way Pumping Station?

Answer: Not as part of this phase but it is proposed as part of Newmarket's Active Transportation Implementation Plan.

13. Has the Town considered what impact this trail might have for the coyotes in the area?

Answer: We will be in contact with several Regulatory Bodies to ensure impact as minimal impact to coyotes is achieved.

14. Is there a plan for wayfinding signage along the trail?

Answer: Not as part of this phase; however, when more trails are built there may be consideration.

15. How will the trails be maintained in the winter time? Will there be snow plows?

Answer: As of now, it is proposed to be snow ploughed pending budget.

16. What is the anticipated foot traffic expected on this new trail?

Answer: We do not have exact numbers but anecdotally, phases 1-4 are heavily used and we would anticipate the same.

17. There are a number of trees that are marked for removal due to emerald ash borer are there a number of these trees in the proposed trail area that would have to be removed?

Answer: We do not have the exact numbers, but there are ash trees that will be removed as part of this forest. While picking the trail alignment, we avoided robust trees and followed dead-wood and unwanted tree species as best we could.

18. There is a winter shack that I built in the area for coyotes, do I need to go remove it?

Answer: Please do not build or remove any structures located on Town property. Town staff will remove these shacks as required.

19. Will there be public art, nature related learning materials be posted along the trail?

Answer: No public art is proposed; however, learning materials and signage are being contemplated as part of this phase.

20. At the end of the Frederick Curran Lane, there is a "court" like gravel area behind the water storm building. What is the purpose of that? Is it a part of a future plan?

Answer: This is an access road for maintenance vehicles to access the storm water pond.

21. How long will it take to walk the new trail?

Answer: The trail is approximately 1km and depending on your speed, can take between 5-15 minutes.

22. Is there a plan to open up Jokers trail parking back up- as of now there is a blockade to stop parked cars?

Answer: Yes, the Town of Newmarket is working with the University of Toronto to remove the barricades.

23. What is the current length of the Dave Kerwin Trail?

Answer: Approximately 3-4km

24. Could 'no fire' signs be added along the trail? I have seen children playing along the trail with fire.

Answer: We will take this into consideration during the design phase although these signs are not typically installed along Newmarket's trails.

Comment from Residents:

Thank you very much for all the time and effort put into this endeavor and this presentation.
Thank you :)