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MEMORANDUM

TO: Western Common Wilderness Common Advisory Committee
FROM: Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist – Parks and Recreation
DATE: January 16, 2018
SUBJECT: Update on Nichols Lake Trail

During the November 22, 2017 meeting of the Western Common Wilderness Common Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee requested an update on the progress of the Nichols Lake Trail, including the budget carry over from 2017 to 2018.

Update

As of January 16, 2018:

- Since August 2017, approximately 1000 meters of trail has been completed as per tender 17-010 Nichols Lake Trail Phase 2 (named by Parks Capital Projects.) This included clearing, grubbing and gravels. As per tender section "A" this work excluded the top two layers of gravel and bark mulch, which is to be completed in 2018. A specific date is dependent on the scope of 1C, which is unknown until the branch trail is cleared.
- Approximately 90% of the \$94,077 has been spent, with the balance to be spent in 2018, which is still under construction by Cobequid Consulting.
- The clearing and grubbing of the 640 m was included in tender 17-010, construction is anticipated to continue in 2018. The balance of 17-010 is expected to be complete within the next six weeks with clearing and grubbing of the 640 meter section of trail that branches off to the west.
- \$50,000 is budgeted for 2018/19, with an additional carry over of \$45,000 from 2017/18
- Funding allocation for 2018/19 has yet to be finalized, other than clearing of brush and grubbing, as well as assessment of a water crossing.
- Staff are considering a temporary construction access off MacDonald Lake Drive, for the western branch of the trail.