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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Western Common Advisory Committee  
CC: Margaret Soley – Manager Parks and Recreation  
FROM: Tom Jangaard, Park Planner – Parks and Recreation  
DATE: January 17, 2017  
SUBJECT: **Western Common Master Plan – Nichols Lake Trail Update**

Attention Colleagues,

In the Winter of 2016, a Trails Consultant was hired to mark out the loop trail beginning at the back of the Prospect Road Community Centre (PRCC) and circling Nichols Lake, as per the Western Common Master Plan.

The first phase of construction, known as Nichols Lake Trail Phase 1, was tendered in the Spring of 2016. The Tender was awarded and work began in the summer of 2016. Approximately 2000 feet of trail was cleared and grubbed and leveled with a combination of surge rock and Type 2 Gravel.

Phase 2 of the trail will be tendered in the Winter of 2017 and work is expected to begin in the summer of 2017. Construction must take place in the driest part of the year to avoid unnecessary damage to the trail bed. Phase 2 will complete the Trail to the waterfall to the northeast and to the river between Nichols Lake and MacDonald Lake to the Northwest.

Budget permitting, the parking lot, as specified in the Western Common Master Plan, will be the last item constructed before work is completed for Phase 2. Once the parking lot is finished, there will be no more construction originating from behind the PRCC. Future access to complete the Nichols Lake Trail will be from other locations.