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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Western Common Advisory Committee**  
**FROM: Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist – Parks and Recreation**  
**DATE: March 21, 2018**  
**SUBJECT: Update on Nichols Lake Trail**

During the January 24, 2018 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 and trail construction.

### Update

As of March 21, 2018:

- Since January 2018, Cobequid Consulting continued with work clearing, grubbing and surge along the trail on the western branch of the Nichols Lake Trail.
- Approximately 95% of the \$94,077 has been spent, with the balance to be spent in 2018, which is still under construction by Cobequid Consulting.
- \$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 continue to consider a temporary construction access off MacDonald Lake Drive, for the western branch of the trail.

HRM Parks and Recreation, Parks Capital intend on attending the May 23, 2018 Western Common Advisory Committee meeting to provide an update on trails construction based on the 208/19 budget.