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MEMORANDUM

TO: Western Common Wilderness Common Advisory Committee
FROM: Gareth Evans, Recreation Planning Specialist – Parks and Recreation
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SUBJECT: Western Common Advisory Committee – 10.1.1 Update on Nichols Lake Trail, 10.1.2 Update on the Capital Budget and 10.1.3 Update on the Geotechnical Work for the Bridge Footing

HRM Parks and Recreation, Parks Capital Projects are continuing with the design and construction of the Nichols Lake Trail.

Trail Construction

As of October 16, 2019:

10.1.1 Update on Nichols Lake Trail

- Approximately 1000 meters of trail has been completed as per 17-010. This would include clearing, grubbing and gravels. As per the tender section “A” this work excluded the top two layers of gravel and bark mulch. The 1000 meters of trail represents the section from the end of phase 1A (2016) and extends to the river.
- Approximately 540m of the 640m section of trail that branches off to the West has been cleared, grubbed and sections where gravel work is completed.
- WSP Consulting were awarded the bridge crossing design work and began field work on August 15, 2019. This award was based on an RFP process where 3 consultants were invited to submit proposals.
- Cobequid Trail Consulting were retained in September 2019 to investigate the proposed trail alignment between Prospect Road Community Centre and the Old Coach Road (South of Big Indian Lake).

10.1.2 Update on the Capital Budget

- There are no additional funds proposed for 2020/21 budget. No additional funds were proposed until the 2022/23 budget.
- The cost associated with the WSP Bridge Crossing Design is \$54,555 (excluding tax), funding provided from the approximately \$89,000 that was previously approved;
- The cost associated with the Cobequid Trail Consulting Report is \$5,555 (excluding tax), funding provided from the approximately \$89,000 that was previously approved.

10.1.3 Update on the Geotechnical Work for the Bridge Footing

- With respect to the WSP Bridge Crossing Design:
 - The survey field work is complete and survey drawing is 90%;
 - The geotechnical field work has been completed and the preliminary report is expected prior to October 31, 2019;
 - The preliminary drawings have been started and expected to be released for review in November 2019;
 - The hydraulic analysis field work has been completed and the report is approximately at the 50% mark.
- With respect to the Cobequid Trail Consulting Report:
 - Field work is currently underway, and a report is expected in November 2019.