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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Western Common Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Alex Quinn, Construction Project Manager – Parks & Recreation  
**DATE:** June 19, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** **Western Common Advisory Committee – Parks Capital Update**

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

### Trail Construction

As of June 19, 2024:

#### Project Status of 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).
- WSP have completed a draft report to evaluate the potential trail crossing at the waterfall and compare this option to the trail crossing at Nichols Run.
- Cobequid Trail Consulting conduct site work to evaluate the potential waterfall trail crossing on Nov 17, 2023. There were no potential issues identified with extending the trail on the other side of the waterfall.
- WSP Consulting was requested to perform detailed field and design work related to constructing a timber bridge crossing the waterfall. The final alignment included two 20' timber bridges connected by a 20' boardwalk at the top of the waterfall. These bridges are approximately 4' wide.

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- Sheehy Construction was selected to construct the timber bridges and boardwalk. Sheehy Construction has an existing standing offer agreement with HRM related to timber bridges and timber boardwalks.

#### **Update on the Capital 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.
- The cost associated with WSP Detailed Site Analysis related to the Timber Bridge Crossing at Water Fall location is \$16,910 (\$4,620 on May 31, 2024, and \$12,290 on June 4, 2024).
- The cost associated with Sheehy Construction is \$47,888 for the construction of 2 timber bridges at the water fall on March 28, 2024. This work has not yet started, but a PO has been issued to the Contractor.
- Material has been ordered and we expect construction of the bridges/boardwalk to be completed over the Summer/Fall 2024.