

## Western Common Advisory Committee – Summary 2018

The Western Common Advisory Committee makes recommendations to Halifax and West Community Council about the development and operation of the Western Common.

*This summary is not an official record of all work and recommendations made in 2018. For more detail, please refer to the approved minutes available online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>*

### January 24, 2018

The Committee received an update on Nichols Lake Trail progress from Gareth Evans. The Committee also reviewed and sought clarification a motion passed by Halifax and West Community Council on July 25, 2017 regarding respecting bicycles on the barrier-free training in the Western Common Regional Park, and proposed the following motion:

**THAT the Western Common Advisory Committee re-examine the Wilderness Common Master Plan for trail development in the Wilderness Common Park to determine what sites are of significance within the park relating to trail access and existing trail networks.**

This motion was withdrawn because there was no seconder.

### March 28, 2018

The Committee received correspondence on Tagged Lake Composting Facility: Review of Groundwater and Surface Water Quality from Peter Lund, recommending further testing, in concurrence with the Stantec Report, and approved the following motion:

**THAT the Western Common Advisory Committee recommends to Halifax and West Community Council request a staff report on further ecological testing being performed on the groundwater at the Ragged Lake Composting Facility site, in concurrence with the recommendation put forward in the Stantec report, as outlined in the correspondence from Peter Lund dated March 23, 2018.**

The Committee also received four staff updates, the first was an update on the Nichols Lake Trail, the second regarded the review and mapping out of signage locations for Western Common Wilderness Common Park, the third regarded a review and mapping of derelict campsites and debris locations, and the fourth was a staff presentation on the Western Common Wilderness Common Master Plan Roads and Trails.

### May 23, 2018

The Committee received a staff update on the Nichols Lake Trail consisting of a staff memorandum and a map detailing portions of the Nicholas Lake Trail, the Committee reviewed phases 1A, 1B and 1C of the project and discussed the proposed options one through three, in light of this, the Committee put forth the following motion:

**THAT regardless of which option staff pursues regarding work to be pursued in 2018 on Phase 1C of the Nichols Lake Trail, that the Western Common Advisory Committee ensure that Prospect Community residents and other stakeholders be notified.**

The Committee also held a public participation session regarding the Nichols Lake Trail to gauge which option was best suited to the community and surrounding area.

July 25, 2018

The Committee received correspondence on Resource Opportunities Centre/Prospect Road Community Center from Amy Hockin and agreed to send the correspondence to Parks and Recreation, requesting a response to Amy Hockin's question regarding accessibility and security of the park.

September 26, 2018

The Committee received two staff updates, the first, regarding the Nichols Lake Trail and the second, an update on the Annual Report *Western Common Wilderness Master Plan*.