

Report to Council

Report Title:	Walker Hill Subdivision – Trail Update		
Prepared By:	Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services		
Department:	Planning		
Date:	March 8, 2022		
Report Number:	PLN2022-02	File Number:	C11PLN, D12
Attachments:	Walker Hill Revised Draft Plan to include trail		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PLN2022-02 – Walker Hill Subdivision – Trail Update, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services, for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

On January 25, 2022, County staff presented the Planning Report for the Walker Hill Development Inc. to consider the purposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and a Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a new residential subdivision in the area of Old Durham Road.

At the meeting Council approved the application but the priority of ensuring a walking trail was incorporated from the new subdivision to the Rotary Nature Park to the west of the development was determined as a priority of Council for staff and engineers to resolve.

Analysis:

The Accessibility Standard for the Design of Public Spaces establishes minimum requirements for all organizations to meet. At the same time, flexibility is built in to the requirements to give organizations the ability to respond to specific local needs and conditions.

Recognizing that there are sometimes existing site constraints and other considerations associated with constructing or redeveloping public spaces, the regulation identifies situations where exceptions may be made.

Through discussions with the developer, engineers and staff, Block 43 has been re-considered for a possible recreational trail. Due to the topography of this block and of the lands in this subdivision, a fully accessible

exterior path of travel cannot be met. However, a recreational trail that allows pedestrians to move from one location to another can be established that will meet the general intent and requirements of the Act. The trail will be clearly signed and slopes will be indicated so users are aware of the trail slopes as they advance onto the trail. This recreational trail will lead from the subdivision to a maintenance road running along the top of the Stormwater Management Pond in the Rotary Nature Park.

Now that the location of the trail has been determined the draft plan has been slightly revised due to the placement of the trail to meet slope requirements and is attached to this report for Council's information. The Walker Hill Draft Plan Approval of the Subdivision will be considered at the County Planning Meeting on March 10th, 2022.

We bring this forward to inform Council on the status of the trail within this development.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance | N/A |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

There are no financial impacts associated within this report at this time.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer



Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services