

Request for Council's Consideration

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Date of Council Meeting: May 13, 2014

Subject: Reinstatement of Chain of Lakes Trail

Motion for Council to Consider:

That Regional Council request that the Mayor, in conjunction with HRM's Right of Way Engineer, write a letter to Halifax Water reiterating that the Lakeside Diversion Project must be implemented as presented and approved by Regional Council in July 2013. Furthermore, any changes to the original plan must be presented and approved by appropriate HRM staff.

Reason:

In July 2013, following the review of a staff report, Regional Council:

- Endorsed the use of the Chain of Lakes Trail as a corridor for a wastewater conveyance system to the Bedford Highway Interceptor Sewer; and
- Authorized the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Easement Agreement for the required portions of the Chain of Lakes Trail.

Construction began March 31, 2014. Halifax Water has assured HRM that upon completion, the trail will be reinstated with improvements.

In recent discussions with the utility, HRM staff and I have learned of plans to install chain link fencing between the trail and First Chain Lake. This was not in the plans approved by Council (July 2013), and was not in the presentation to the general public (October 2013). It neither qualifies as reinstatement because there is currently no fencing on-site, nor does it qualify as an improvement as it will detract from rather than enhance the natural setting.

Outcome Sought:

That Halifax Water commit to completing the project as approved by Council in July 2013 and, in doing so, cancel plans to install chain link fencing along First Chain Lake. Should a small section of fencing be necessary to protect the secondary water supply, then HRM staff must approve the plan.

Councillor Mosher

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