

## **LATE ITEM 12.1– NEW BUSINESS–DALE MEADOWS BIKE TRAIL**



### **THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND COUNCIL REPORT**

DATE: May 11, 2015  
TO: Linda Tynan, Chief Administrative Officer  
FROM: Lorrie Coates, Director of Finance  
SUBJECT: Dale Meadows Bike Trail

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#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council pass the following resolution:

THAT Council authorize the construction of a cycling trail from Dale Meadows Road to Sinclair Road and that a grant application be submitted to the BikeBC cycling infrastructure grant program for 50% cost sharing to a maximum of \$440,000.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To authorize the Dale Meadows Bike Trail, from Dale Meadows Road, through the Dale Meadows sports complex, to Sinclair Road to proceed.

#### **BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION:**

Staff have identified a cycling trail from Dale Meadows Road to Sinclair Road as a high priority project for the expansion of the cycling network. The construction of this trail will connect the Dale Meadows sports complex to the residential area to the north. This area is used by all ages as the facility includes soccer, softball, playgrounds and a running/walking track. As well, the trail will provide a loop connection between Prairie Valley Road and Dale Meadows Road.

This trail will provide an opportunity for cycling that is not part of the vehicle road network.

A letter has been requested from the Trails of the Okanagan Cycling Organization in support of the trail and will part of the grant application.

The cost estimate provides for a 500 meter full urban standard trail and includes a 5 meter wide paved surface with chain link fencing on both sides. Provisions are made for drainage and to resolve any issues with underground utilities. There is an elevation change to access Dale Meadows Avenue as well as 2 creek crossings which add to the cost of the trail.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost estimate for the project is \$447,396. This includes in excess of \$162,000 to allow for moving utilities, project administration and contingency. It may be that only a portion of these funds are required once the construction commences. It is important that the cost estimate include all potential costs as once the grant application has been submitted it cannot be increased.

Should the District be successful in obtaining the BikeBC grant, the District cost could be \$223,698. There is a \$150,000 allocation of Gas Tax funds in the 2015 budget and a further \$73,698 allocation of Gas Tax funds would be required.

CONCLUSION:

The deadline for the BikeBC grant application is May 15, 2015. Council authorization for the project to proceed is a requirement of the application.

OPTIONS:

1. Council could pass the recommended resolution to authorize the construction of the Dale Meadows Bike Trial and apply for a BikeBC grant.
2. To forgo the opportunity to apply for a BikeBC grant.

Respectfully Submitted

*Lorrie Coates*

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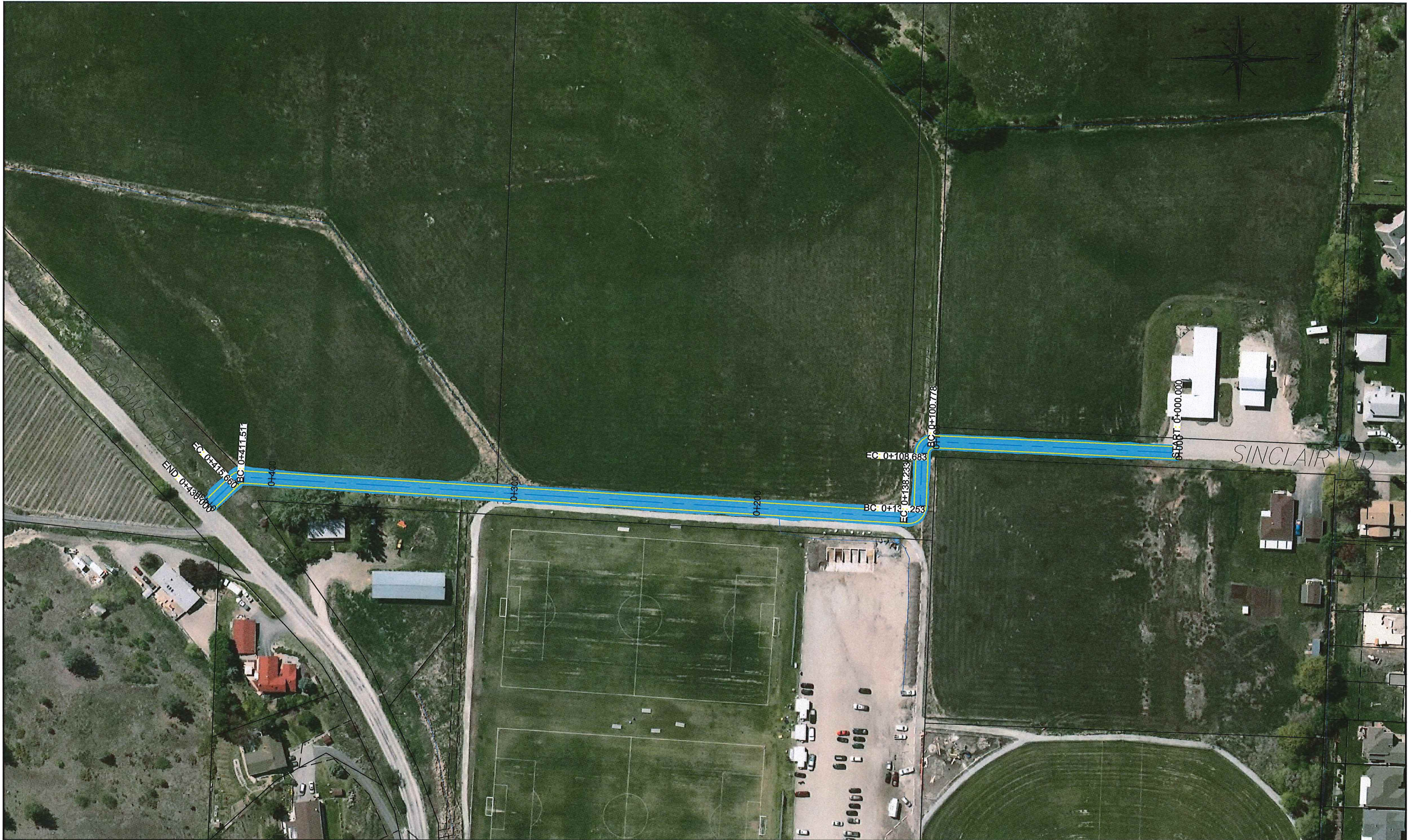
Approved for Agenda



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CAO – Linda Tynan May 11, 2015





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