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REPORT TO: Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee
FROM: T. Clapperton, Parks Manager
SUBJECT: Greenbelt Cycling Route
DATE: February 24, 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That a Resolution be prepared for presentation to Council on March 11, 2014 in support of the implementation of the Greenbelt Cycling Route through the Municipality of Port Hope as identified in the staff report presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting March 4, 2014.

BACKGROUND:

The Waterfront Regeneration Trust (WRT) and The Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation have partnered to establish a 460 km Greenbelt Cycling Route (GCR). This route would span from Niagara Region to Northumberland County. The WRT received funding from the Greenbelt Foundation to create a signed route from Niagara to Cobourg by 2015. This project will create a signature provincial cycling route using existing infrastructure and showcase communities and promote Port Hope as a tourism destination.

In the fall of 2012 the WRT conducted a feasibility study for the project. The WRT met with representatives of Municipalities and Regions including the Municipality of Port Hope and the County of Northumberland to discuss route options. Based on these meetings it was determined that the project should move toward implementation.

With funding from the Greenbelt Foundation, the WRT has developed a three year work program:

- Identify the route (2013)
- Map the route to be published (2013)
- Coordinate with Municipalities for approvals (2013-14)
- Host mobile workshops (2014)
- Coordinate signage of the route with the Municipalities (2014)

- Work with Transportation Options to engage tourism and businesses in the promotion of the route through the Welcome Cyclist Program (2015)
- Launch the route with a supported bike tour from end to end for the public (2015)

Staff met with neighbouring Municipalities and Regions on July 18, 2013 to discuss potential routing of the Greenbelt Cycling Route. It was determined at this meeting the proposed route that included County Rd #9 would not be a safe route due to the high level of traffic and non-paved shoulders. It was determined the best route would be to connect the Municipality of Port Hope and the Municipality of Clarington at the 6th line. The route would include the 6th line, County Rd #65, 7th line, County Rd #10, 4th line, Sylvan Glen Rd, Cranberry Rd, Choate Rd, Cavan St, Walton St and Mill St where the route would then connect to the Waterfront Trail at Peter St. (Map Attached)

This route provides a direct connection to the key cycling destinations in the urban and downtown areas while providing an appropriate connection to the Municipality of Clarington.

The Waterfront Regeneration Trust and Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation have indicated the cycling route will use the existing infrastructure and no road upgrades are required. Signage for the route will be provided by the Waterfront Regeneration Trust and is expected to be installed prior to the launch of the route for the summer of 2015.

This route was not included in the Municipality's Active Transportation and Trails Master Plan or the Northumberland County Cycling Master Plan, however the route does not conflict with either plan. This route is consistent and compliments both plans and supports a more active community by developing attractive routes which encourage tourism.

CONCLUSION:

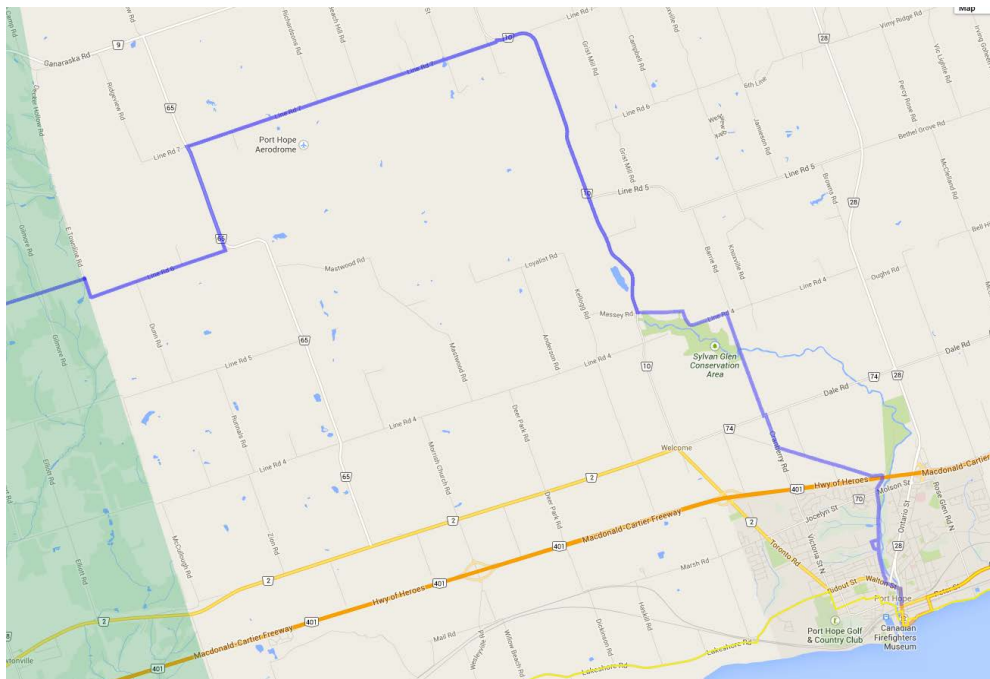
The establishment of the Greenbelt Cycling Route from Northumberland County to Niagara meets the Corporate Strategic Plan in the areas of Collaboration and Communication and Promoting Economic and Tourism Development.

Respectfully submitted.

Original Signed by:

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Parks, Recreation and Culture

Proposed Greenbelt Cycling Route



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Existing Waterfront Trail