
To: Mayor and Council
Submitted by: Matt Pryde, Director of Active Living and Culture
Date: April 18, 2024
Subject: Quarry Park Update

PROPOSAL

To provide Council with an update on the Quarry Park Project.

BACKGROUND

During the 2024 Capital Budget deliberations, Council approved \$40,000 to begin the process of creating a trail network in the former Pickard Quarry property. In partnership with the Plan 360 Trails Coordinator, the Tantramar Outdoor Club, Tantramar Heritage Trust, and the Public Works Department, we have developed a vision for the park that would include the following:

- The system would be primarily a single-track natural surface trail loop, with some offshoots, intended for anyone who would like a more natural nature experience.
- A wheelchair accessible trail, including a small parking lot, accessible from Charlotte Street that would end at a beautiful lookout area.
- A bridge crossing a small waterfall accessible from Quarry Lane and Charlotte Street.
- An overall cleanup of the property as part of Earth Day.
- The removal of old and dangerous fencing at various areas around the perimeter of the property and water feature.
- The removal of some fallen and leaning trees.
- Interpretive signage about the history of the property from research by the Tantramar Heritage Trust. There will also be signage describing the roll the Quarry plays in flood mitigation.
- Trail work would be completed by the Tantramar Outdoor Club and volunteers from Plan 360, among others. The Tantramar Outdoor Club would maintain the trails, like the arrangement at Walker Road, with support from the municipality.

Staff are working with the Plan 360 Trails Coordinator to cost out various foreseen expenses and will be seeking funding to help support the construction of the park. Depending on costs, the project could be completed over 2-3 years.

DISCUSSION

This report is for information purposes only.

LEGISLATION/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Approximately \$40,000 from capital budget