



STAFF REPORT

Title: Cold Lake Bike Park and Trails Society - Don Harris and Ed Machtmes

Meeting Date: September 8, 2020

Executive Summary:

Delegation - Cold Lake Bike Park and Trails Society - Don Harris and Ed Machtmes

The Cold Lake Bike Park and Trails Society consists of seven (7) board members including multiple executive positions, a board member organizes a group of volunteers for regular trail maintenance and inspection, and volunteers that have stepped up to organize club rides when allowed.

The plan is to complete more trails this month which will enable the Society to host two (2) events next summer being the Alberta Youth Summer Games qualifier and a Trailblazer's race which usually draws high numbers of competitors. The Society is currently following the Alberta Bicycle Association Covid-19 return to play protocol.

Currently, the Cold Lake Bike Park and Trails Society is running strong with seven (7) trails completed; approximately six (6) kms of trails.

To date, 896 volunteer hours have been recorded assisting the trail builder with construction.

New ways to record visitors to the park with QR scan signs have been implemented, and currently with trail counters, the trails are averaging 40-60 visitors a day with much higher numbers on the weekends. It has been observed that there have been many riders coming from surrounding areas to ride the trails (i.e. Battleford, Lloydminster, Lac La Biche, etc.).

Proposed the building of Phase 4 of the Cold Lake Bike Park on behalf of the Cold Lake Bike Park and Trails Society.

Phase 4 is an area where riders of all ages can improve their riding safely and build confidence on multiple features that will be built to spec and monitored regularly for safety concerns.

There has been an overwhelming request for the park build this summer as the current trails have interested many riders from youth to seniors.

Currently, there are no bike parks like this within a 350km radius, and it is strongly believed that it will attract many riders to the City of Cold Lake.

Hoots Inc. has estimated that the skills park with multiple features could be completed for approximately \$750,000-\$850,000.

Background:

Alternatives:

Recommended Action:

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Budget Implications (Yes or No):

No

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