

Administrative Backgrounder

Councillor Notice of Motion

Title	Deterrence of Unauthorized Vehicular Access on Pedestrian Trails in the Sturgeon Valley Area (Councillor Toms)
Purpose of Report	To provide information in response to Councillor Toms’ Notice of Motion made at the January 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.
Proposed Motion(s)	That Council direct Administration to provide information, analysis, and options at the February 6, 2025 Capital Committee meeting regarding potential infrastructure improvements to deter unauthorized vehicular access on pedestrian trails in the Sturgeon Valley area.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	None.
Strategic Alignment	<p>Reviewing options for management of unauthorized vehicle access on pedestrian trails aligns with multiple Strategic Priorities, including:</p> <p><i>Safe, Beautiful Communities – cultivating safe, beautiful, and complete communities.</i></p> <p><i>Reliable, Effective Infrastructure – enhancing local transportation infrastructure.</i></p>
Statutory Requirement Considerations	The <i>Municipal Government Act</i> outlines the duties and responsibilities for municipalities to maintain public parks and related assets.
Alignment to Levels of Service Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sturgeon County has established service levels for trail operation and maintenance to ensure accessibility and public safety, including regular inspections, snow and ice control, seasonal sweeping, surface maintenance, and maintenance of adjacent assets (signs, bollards, and park furniture). The County’s General Municipal Servicing Standards (GMSS) includes the requirement for new trails to include adequate bollards to restrict unauthorized vehicle access.

Anticipated Human Resource Requirements	Administration can prepare a project cost estimate and funding options to address the proposed motion with minimal investment of time or human resource capacity.
Anticipated Financial Resource Requirements	There is no financial implication to prepare information, analysis, and options. If the motion is supported, additional information would be supplied at the February 6, 2025 Capital Committee meeting.
Additional Background Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of physical barriers such as t-bollards is a reliable and efficient way to restrict unauthorized vehicle access to pedestrian trails. • The County’s current GMSS ensures that any new trail developments include adequate bollard systems to restrict unauthorized vehicle access. • A significant portion of the County’s existing trail network was developed prior to implementation of the current GMSS. • During a preliminary review of the County’s existing trail network, approximately 40 locations were identified where installation of adequate t-bollards could manage unauthorized vehicle access to trails. • In addition to physically restricting access through t-bollard installation, the County can also issue fines for unauthorized vehicles driving on pedestrian trails under section 13 of the Use of Highways and Rules of the Road Regulation.
Attachment(s)	None.
Report Reviewed by:	<p>Angela Veenstra, Manager, Agriculture Services</p> <p>Gord Cebryk, General Manager, Infrastructure Services</p> <p>Travis Peter, Interim Chief Administrative Officer</p>