

ADDENDUM TO THE FORESTRY AND GIS DIVISION REPORT

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Prepared for: Development and Property Committee
September 14, 2021

A meeting of the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee was held on September 13, 2021.

INFORMATION

4. **Algonquin and K & P Recreational Trails Maintenance [Strategic Plan Goal No. 2]**

The Development and Property Department is responsible for trails maintenance, the only linear asset not maintained under Public Works and Engineering. Currently, between the Algonquin and K & P Recreational Trails, the Forestry and GIS Division maintains over 120 kms of trails with limited staff and equipment to ensure the needed attention for maintenance items such as: grading, dust suppression, fencing, mowing, signage and beaver control.

The final County of Renfrew Service Delivery Review report from Strategy Corp directed staff to examine trail maintenance structure within the County of Renfrew to ensure consistency and possible cost savings. At the direction of the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee (ATAC), staff will review options for future trail maintenance, advise the K & P Management Advisory Committee and provide recommendations at a future ATAC meeting.

BY-LAWS

5. **DP Trails–2021-10 – Trail Resurfacing, Highway Trail Crossing Construction and Structure Improvements to Algonquin Trail [Strategic Plan Goal No. 3]**

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council approve the tender submitted by G.P. Splinter Forest Products Ltd., Pembroke Ontario in the amount of \$1,040,091 plus HST for trail resurfacing, highway trail crossing construction and structure Improvements to

Algonquin Trail from Turcotte Road (Whitewater Region) to College Way (Pembroke) and Highway 17 to Wylie Road (Laurentian Hills), a distance of approximately 37.5 km in the Townships of Whitewater Region and Laurentian Valley, the Town of Laurentian Hills and the City of Pembroke; AND FURTHER THAT a By-law be passed to Authorize the Execution of Contract DP Trails–2021-10; AND FURTHER THAT the four provisional items in the tender submitted by G.P. Splinter Forest Products Ltd., Pembroke Ontario in the amount of \$95,900 plus HST be approved for completion.

Background

Tenders were requested for trail resurfacing, highway trail crossing construction and structure Improvements to Algonquin Trail from Turcotte Road (Whitewater Region) to College Way (Pembroke) and Highway 17 to Wylie Road (Laurentian Hills), a distance of approximately 37.5 km in the Townships of Whitewater Region and Laurentian Valley, the Town of Laurentian Hills and the City of Pembroke.

The Tender included four provisional items for improvements on the three structures within the City of Pembroke (Muskrat River Bridge, Alexander Street Structure and Water Street Bridge approaches). The local snowmobile club is reviewing the possibility of partially funding these items in preparation for the 2021/22 snowmobile season.

Tenders were received as follows:

	Amount Submitted	Corrected Amount
1. G.P. Splinter Forest Products Ltd., Pembroke ON	\$844,091.00	\$1,040,091.00
2. R.G.T. Clouthier Construction Ltd., Pembroke ON	\$1,224,000.00	\$1,067,500.00
3. McCrea Excavating Ltd., Pembroke ON		\$1,178,995.00
4. Bonnechere Excavating Inc., Renfrew ON		\$1,364,427.35
All amounts exclude HST		

Provisional items in the Tenders were received as follows:

	Amount Submitted
1. G.P. Splinter Forest Products Ltd., Pembroke ON	\$95,900.00
2. R.G.T. Clouthier Construction Ltd., Pembroke ON	\$156,500.00
3. McCrea Excavating Ltd., Pembroke ON	\$210,000.00
4. Bonnechere Excavating Inc., Renfrew ON	\$329,543.98
All amounts exclude HST	

Procurement of the trail resurfacing, highway trail crossing construction and structure Improvements to Algonquin Trail in this tender has followed the requirements set out in Corporate Policy GA-01 – Procurement of Goods and Services and staff confirm there is sufficient funds in the 2021 budget to complete the project.

6. Tourism Oriented Sign Policy [Strategic Plan Goal No. 3]

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council adopt a By-law to enact the Trail Tourism Oriented Sign Policy and Fee Structure.

Background

At the direction of the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee staff created the attached Tourism Oriented Sign Policy (Appendix ATAC-VII) with fee structure that is based on the County of Public Works and Engineering Department’s existing policy and is also consistent with Lanark County’s pricing structure to ensure consistency throughout the enter length of the Trail.

COUNTY OF RENFREW

BY-LAW NUMBER

A BY-LAW FOR THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT DP TRAILS 2021-10 FOR TRAIL RESURFACING, HIGHWAY TRAIL CROSSING CONSTRUCTION AND STRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ALGONQUIN TRAIL

WHEREAS under Section 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, the Municipal Corporation of the County of Renfrew has the authority to pass by-laws to enter into contracts to exercise any of its powers in respect of culture, parks, recreation or heritage matters on the land;

AND WHEREAS public tenders were requested for trail resurfacing, highway trail crossing construction and structure improvements to the Algonquin Trail under Contract DP Trails 2021-10 in accordance with County of Renfrew Corporate Policy GA-01 Procurement of Goods and Services;

AND WHEREAS the tender submitted by G.P. Splinter Forest Products Ltd., Pembroke Ontario was reviewed and accepted by the Development and Property Committee.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew hereby enacts:

1. That the Council of the County of Renfrew approve of the awarding of Contract DP Trails 2021-10 for trail resurfacing, highway trail crossing construction and structure improvements to the Algonquin Trail as submitted by G.P. Splinter Forest Products and Construction, Pembroke Ontario in the amount of \$1,040,091 plus HST.
2. That the Warden and Clerk be empowered to do and execute all things, papers and documents necessary to the execution of the said contract.
3. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ a first time this 29th day of September, 2021.

READ a second time this 29th day of September, 2021.

READ a third time and finally passed this 29th day of September, 2021.

COUNTY OF RENFREW

BY-LAW NUMBER

**A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE PLACING, ERECTING OR ALTERING OF SIGNS
UPON OR ADJACENT TO COUNTY TRAILS**

WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority;

AND WHEREAS Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, provides that Sections 9 and 11 shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to a) enable municipalities to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate and, b) enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS Section 11 (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, provides that a municipality is authorized to pass by-laws with respect to matters within the sphere of jurisdiction of culture, parks, recreation and heritage;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew developed and adopted a management plan for the Algonquin Trail, as part of the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail that addresses issues such as use, control, liability, etc.;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the interest of public safety to regulate and govern the use of the Algonquin Trail in the County of Renfrew;

AND WHEREAS the Council has determined that any breach of the provisions of this By-law should be subject to an Administrative Monetary Penalty.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew hereby enacts as follows:

1. Signs for which a permit is required and conforming to the requirements of the signage policy shall receive a permit in the form attached hereto as Schedule II.
2. Fees for the issuance of a permit shall be as specified in Schedule II as may be amended from time to time.
3. All signage in existence as of the date of passage of this By-law is exempted from its requirements until their next structural alteration as defined in the policy.
4. Any sign installed after the date of this By-law shall conform to its requirements. Should the owner of a sign fail to comply with the requirements of the By-law, the County may;
 - (a) order the owner of the sign to comply at his/her expense,
 - (b) order the sign removed by the owner at the owner's expense,
 - (c) remove the sign by the County at the owner's expense.
5. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any sign, which has fallen into disrepair to the extent that it poses a threat to public safety, may be removed by the County with notice. Any costs associated with the removal shall be recoverable from the owner.
6. Any notice given under the policy, shall be deemed to be given on three days following the date of posting thereof.
7. Any person violating any provision of the By-law or the policies adopted thereunder, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a penalty of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), exclusive of costs. Any such penalty shall be recoverable pursuant to the provisions of the Provincial Offences Act, Chapter P.33, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

In addition to any other remedy and to any penalty imposed by the By-law, the court in which the conviction has been entered and, any court of competent jurisdiction thereafter, may make an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person convicted pursuant to the provisions of Section 326 of the Municipal Act, 1990, Chapters 4 and 5, as amended.

8. If any section of the By-law is for any reason held to be invalid, the remaining sections shall remain in effect until repealed.
9. If any provision of this By-law is in conflict with other previous By-law provisions, the provisions of this By-law shall prevail.

READ a first time this 29th day of September, 2021.

READ a second time this 29th day of September, 2021.

READ a third time and finally passed this 29th day of September, 2021.

DEBBIE ROBINSON, WARDEN

PAUL V. MOREAU, CLERK