



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

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To: West Hants Regional Municipality Committee of the Whole

Submitted by: Kathy Johnston-Isenor, Manager, Recreation & Community Engagement

Date: August 28, 2025

Subject: Active Transportation & Trail Strategy Recommendation

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act section 65 & 47

RECOMMENDATION

Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve and adopt the West Hants Regional Municipality Active Transportation & Trail Strategy 2025 as presented.

BACKGROUND

Property ☒	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☒	Social ☒	Economic ☒	Councillor Activity ☐
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In August 2024 Council approved the award of tender WHRMCD24-06 Request for Consulting Services for the West Hants Regional Municipality Active Transportation & Trails Strategy contract to UPLAND Planning and Design.

The plan objectives included improvements to the WHRM active transportation network; assessing the needs of the community in relation to Active Transportation, Trails and sidewalk infrastructure; further improvements to the Active Avon Active Transportation Plan, Trails Strategy Mapping and a Future Sidewalk Needs Assessment.

DISCUSSION

Over the past year UPLAND Planning and Design have met with stakeholders, completed community consultations and reviewed best practices of operations of similar size to WHRM.

Community consultation played a key role in shaping the direction of the Active Transportation & Trail Strategy. Through surveys, online presentations, in-person information sessions and Sidewalk Needs Assessment Walk & Roll Sessions, residents and community partners provided meaningful input that helped identify priorities, highlight concerns and suggest opportunities for improving the active transportation network in WHRM.

This plan aims to enhance mobility for both residents and visitors, and create a more sustainable, accessible and enjoyable transportation network. By improving connectivity, this strategy will not only make active transportation safer and more convenient but will also strengthen social ties and better link communities, establishing a vibrant, inclusive network for people of all ages and abilities.

Another key focus of this project was assessing whether the current trail network effectively met the diverse needs of its users. This Strategy identifies existing gaps and opportunities to ensure a well-rounded, accessible system that supports various forms of active transportation throughout WHRM.

NEXT STEPS

- 1) Pending approval of the WHRM Active Transportation & Trail Strategy staff will proceed with the implementation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All financial requests would be submitted to Council for review and approval as part of the annual budget process.

ALTERNATIVES

Committee of the Whole can choose to not recommend the approval and adoption of the Active Transportation & Trail Strategy 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

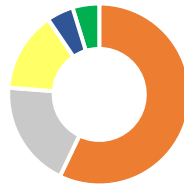
Active Transportation & Trail Strategy 2025

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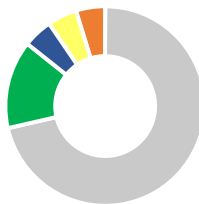
**Goal: Balanced
Decision Making**



Unbalanced



Heavily Weighted



Pending CAO review and comments

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