

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Operations

Roads, Parks & Facilities



To: Mayor & Members of Council
From: Jeff Wilson, Division Leader – Roads, Parks & Facilities
Date: March 22, 2022
Subject: Ruston Drive North Shoreline Proposed Access Alterations

Recommendation

Approve \$40,000 including applicable HST to be carried in the 2023 budget to complete the proposed access alterations at the north shoreline at Ruston Drive, as presented at the March 29, 2022 Council meeting.

Background

The north end of Ruston Drive experienced significant erosion over time, impacting the shoreline land area and the existing roadway barrier.

In 2017, shoreline protection measures were initiated by the Municipality to control the continued shoreline erosion and to protect the road from any further impact.

The Ruston Drive shoreline protection project was completed in May of 2017. Based on the impact to the roadway, no public consultation was undertaken at that time.

After the shoreline protection was completed, a delegation came to Council at the May 23, 2017 Council meeting to express their concerns about the impact the shoreline protection measures made related to access to the lake.

Administration committed to reviewing options to allow for passive access and egress into the water while continuing to protect the shoreline.

Comments

In early 2022 an investigation of viable options to permit safe passive access was undertaken.

Consultation was initiated and a meeting with the residents on Ruston Drive and Lakeshore Park (along with any impacted roadways along Lakeshore Park) was held on March 16, 2022.

At the March 16, 2022 meeting a presentation by Administration was given. 18 residents were in attendance. The presentation outlined the history and challenges along the shoreline, the proposed alterations to accommodate both protection and passive access, and what the next steps would be in this process. The presentation has been appended to this report.

The proposed access alterations consist of reconfiguring the stone that is in place now, creating a berm behind the guard rail to further protect the roadway and embedding large flat rocks (approximately 2 meters wide) from the top of the berm leading back into the water creating a safe passive rock step system.

Residents participated in the meeting asking relevant questions which were captured and will be considered for the project. These included concerns related to inclusion of a garbage enclosure, request to increase parking availability and maintenance of the passive access and protection.

Impacted residents were receptive to Administration's presentation and satisfied with the proposed alterations.

The presentation outlined the proposed next steps and timing is proposed below:

- An update report to Council (March 29, 2022 Council meeting);
- Proposed access alterations and costs/budget impacts (to be confirmed prior to 2023 budget);
- Seek approvals required and timelines – DFO, ERCA (upon budget approval); and
- Review of proposed duration and schedule challenges (to be determined in 2023, when funded).

Others Consulted

Residents of the area were consulted at the March 16, 2022 meeting.

Financial Impacts

The estimated costs to undertake the proposed works is \$40,000 including applicable HST.

Currently this work is not accounted for in the 2022 budget. The costs will be confirmed through formal estimates and the proposed works will be brought forward in the 2023 budget for approval, to be funded from the roads reserve.

Attachments

Ruston Beach Access Presentation, March 2022

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Ruston Drive Shoreline Alterations, Safe Passive Access To The Lake.docx
Attachments:	- RUSTON BEACH ACCESS PRESENTATION - MARCH 2022.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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