

Report to Councils & Regional Board

DATE: October 1, 2015

TO: City Manager, City of Kelowna
Chief Administrative Officer, District of Lake Country
Chief Administrative Officer, Regional District of North Okanagan

FROM: Inter-jurisdictional Acquisition Team

SUBJECT: **Endorsement of Inter-jurisdictional Development Team for Rail Corridor**

PURPOSE:

To seek support of City of Kelowna Council, District of Lake Country Council and Regional District of North Okanagan Board for the establishment of an Inter-jurisdictional Development Team (IDT) to establish and enable an inter-jurisdictional team to work collaboratively together to plan, design, finance, develop and maintain a continuous recreation trail along the discontinued rail corridor that runs through each of their communities.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CITY OF KELOWNA COUNCIL :

THAT Council receive, for information, the report from the Divisional Director, Community Planning & Real Estate, dated October 1, 2015, with respect to the terms of reference for the Inter-jurisdictional Development Team regarding the recently acquired CN Rail corridor;

AND THAT Council endorse the City of Kelowna's participation in the Inter-jurisdictional Development Team (IDT) in accordance with the Terms of Reference;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the cessation of the activities of the Inter-jurisdictional Acquisition Team (IAT).

- - - END of RECOMMENDATIONS for CITY of KELOWNA COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTRY COUNCIL :

THAT Council receive, for information, the report from the Director of Engineering and Environmental Services, dated October 1, 2015, with respect to the terms of reference for the Inter-jurisdictional Development Team regarding the recently acquired CN Rail corridor;

AND THAT Council endorse the District of Lake Country's participation in the Inter-jurisdictional Development Team (IDT) in accordance with the Terms of Reference;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the cessation of the activities of the Inter-jurisdictional Acquisition Team (IAT).

- - - END of RECOMMENDATIONS for DISTRICT of LAKE COUNTRY COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN BOARD :

THAT the Board receive, for information, the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated October 1, 2015, with respect to the terms of reference for the Inter-jurisdictional Development Team regarding the recently acquired CN Rail corridor;

AND THAT the Board endorse the Regional District of North Okanagan's participation in the Inter-jurisdictional Development Team (IDT) in accordance with the Terms of Reference;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board endorse the cessation of the activities of the Inter-jurisdictional Acquisition Team (IAT).

- - - END of RECOMMENDATIONS for REGIONAL DISTRICT of NORTH OKANAGAN BOARD

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

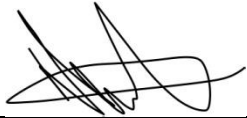
In February 2014 the local governments of the City of Kelowna, the District of Lake Country, the Regional District of North Okanagan, the District of Coldstream, the City of Vernon and the Regional District of Central Okanagan entered into a partnership to explore the possibility of acquiring the recently discontinued Canadian National Railway (CN Rail) rail corridor through their communities and, if the opportunity arose, to acquire it. They did this by establishing a committee, the Inter-jurisdictional Acquisition Team (IAT), to work together toward these goals, to report to their respective Councils and Boards and to receive direction from them regarding the corridor and its possible acquisition.

On June 1, 2015 the City of Kelowna, the District of Lake Country and Regional District of North Okanagan purchased 47.9km of the discontinued rail corridor within their jurisdictions. They acquired the corridor on the mutual understanding that the corridor was to be developed, operated and maintained for its use as a continuous recreational trail and ultimately as a continuous multi-modal regional transportation corridor. Additionally, there are 2.5km of the discontinued rail corridor that runs through Indian Reserve (IR) #7 that is expected to be transferred from CN Rail to the Okanagan Indian Band.

Now that the corridor has been acquired there is no longer a need for the original acquisition team (the IAT) commissioned by the local governments for purchase of the corridor. Instead, and in respect that there is considerable public interest in the development of a recreational trail along the corridor, there is now need for another inter-jurisdictional team, with a new mandate, to work cooperatively to lead the planning, design, fundraising and construction of an initial phase of trail development along the corridor.

The new team proposed to lead this effort is the Inter-jurisdictional Development Team (IDT). The terms of reference for this team are provided in Appendix A.

This report respectfully submitted by the Inter-jurisdictional Acquisition Team,



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ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix 'A' Terms of Reference, Inter-jurisdictional Development Team

APPENDIX A

TERMS of REFERENCE

Inter-jurisdictional Development Team