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RE: Endorsement of Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan

The [Grey County Cycling & Trails Master Plan](#) has been finalized and all study documents, including the staff report, consultants presentation, Master Plan and appendices are publicly available on our website at the link above.

At the October 22, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor O’Leary Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

That Report EDTC-CW-16-20 outlining priority recommendations be received;

and That the Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan be approved as presented; and That staff be directed to implement the recommendations/action items identified in the Plan within the timeframes indicated, subject to annual budget approval.

Amendment CW182-20 Moved by: Councillor Soever Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the motion be amended by adding a clause that the Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan be circulated to the local municipal councils for endorsement.

Carried

Following the direction of Council, staff are writing with a request for consideration, that the Municipality of West Grey endorse Grey County’s Cycling and Trails Master Plan as a policy document.

What does “**endorsement**” mean?

That the Municipality of West Grey supports the Cycling and Trails Master Plan as a long-range blueprint for a county-wide cycling and trails network; a tool to facilitate implementation and a guide for future policies.

It does not commit the Municipality to any specific projects or funding. If there are specific recommendations in the plan (ex. Municipal roads or road sections identified for cycling facilities) that are not supported by municipal staff or council, Grey County is committed to on-going discussion and partnership to look at options or alternatives that may better meet local priorities, while still achieving a regional network.

Key Next Steps:

- Grey County will identify projects as part of the County's annual budget review process for implementation of infrastructure and programming.
- Grey County will continue to engage in consultation and engagement with member municipalities, stakeholders, and residents to confirm short-term infrastructure and programming priorities.
- Grey County will reach out to key stakeholders to formalize partnerships and to facilitate implementation
- Grey County is in the process of creating an "On-Road Cycling Working Group" and an "Off- Road Trails Working Group." We will be reaching out to the Municipality of West Grey for membership on these working groups

We would be happy to provide any additional information or answer questions and can also be available for a presentation if requested.

Thank you,

On behalf of the Cycling and Trails Master Plan Committee,


[Savanna Myers \(Mar 4, 2021 14:15 EST\)](#)

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