



Staff Report

Community Services – Parks and Trails

Report To: COW- Admin, Corp and Finance, SI, Comm. Services
Meeting Date: January 13, 2025
Report Number: CS.25.004
Title: Trail Etiquette Signs for Georgian Trail
Prepared by: Terry Green,
Manager of Parks and Trails

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.004, entitled “Trail Etiquette Signs for Georgian Trail”;

AND THAT Council approve the design of the attached etiquette signs to be installed on sections of the Georgian Trail.

B. Overview

The purchase and installation of etiquette signs for the Georgian Trail will help educate the public on the proper use of the trail.

C. Background

The Georgian Trail is a multi-use trail with pedestrians and cyclists having to share the 3-meter trail surface. Staff have received correspondence and phone calls from members of the public on matters pertaining to the speed of cyclists, dogs being off leash and dog waste on the trail. Currently there are no set speed limits on the Georgian Trail and staff are recommending that the speed limit be posted on the etiquette signs at 20 kilometers per hour.

Staff believe by installing the etiquette signs on the trail it will help educate both cyclists and pedestrians on the proper use of the trail with the following rules:

- Pedestrians have the right of way over cyclists
- Always pass on the right
- Multi-use trails are not for high-speed users
- Travel in a courteous & predictable manner
- All cyclists and e-bike users must use a bell or horn to warn others they are planning to pass
- If you don't have a bell or horn, use a verbal warning
- Dogs must be leashed
- Pick up after your pet

- No smoking or vaping

Staff have contacted both neighboring municipalities and both agree with the etiquette sign and the speed limit.

D. Analysis

Staff are recommending that trail etiquette signs be installed at all 24 road crossings on the Georgian Trail to help educate both cyclists and pedestrians on courteous use of the trail.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

None.

G. Financial Impacts

Costs for the etiquette signs, posts and hardware \$4,242.55 excluding HST. This cost will be taken from the 2025 approved parks maintenance budget.

H. In Consultation With

Tim Hendry, Manager of Communications & Economic Development

Wendy Martin, Manager of Parks & Recreation Town of Collingwood

Sarah Almond, Parks & Recreation Services Coordinator Municipality of Meaford

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Terry Green, Manager of Parks and Trails tgreen@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. Trail Etiquette Sign

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Green
Manager of Parks and Trails

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Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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