

**Policy:** **John Crawford Trail**

**Date Originally Approved:** **May 21, 2009**

**Motion:** *That Council approve Policy number 2009 - 29 "John Crawford Trail" as presented; and*

*Further that this Policy be effective immediately*

**Date Amended:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Policy Number: 2009 – 29**

**Policy Subject: John Crawford Trail**

## **Policy Objective**

This document is intended to outline policies and procedures pertaining to the John Crawford Trail.

## **Policy**

### **1.0 Trail Management Responsibility and Objectives**

#### **1.1 Trail Management**

The Parks and Recreation Committee is mandated by the Town of Stewiacke to make recommendations related to the development, maintenance, and future growth of the trail, located on a 20 acre parcel of land on Kitchener Street.

#### **1.2 Objectives**

The objectives of the Committee are to:

1. provide an accessible, safe, quiet and scenic walking trail for the enjoyment of citizens of all ages
2. create an opportunity for elementary-level educators to introduce concepts of forest ecology, sustainable forest management and multiple values for forest land.
3. encourage physical fitness and appreciation of the outdoors by providing an attractive venue for walking or jogging
4. preserve a pocket of forest land that is situated in an area where suburban development is accelerating.
5. provide a venue for those who wish to participate in trail-based sports like mountain-biking or cross-country skiing.

### **2.0 Trail Management Approval Procedure**

Any issues regarding administration, development, use, augmentation or maintenance of the trail will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Committee who will draft a recommendation for approval of Town Council.

### **3.0 Work to be carried out**

Any work carried out by contractors or volunteers at the trail site will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Committee to ensure such work is

aligned with the objectives, vision and work plan of the Committee. After review a recommendation will then be forwarded to the Town's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for consideration and final approval. Activities include but are not limited to:

- Cleanup operations
- Removal of Property from Site
- Tree Cutting
- Footpath Building and Maintenance

#### 4.0 Signage

Any signage, excepting signage pertaining to public safety, to be installed at the trail site must first be reviewed by the Committee prior to receiving final approval by Town Staff.. All signs and any other painted features will suit the natural theme of the trail. Approved colours are: white, black, buff/cream/tan, dark green, medium or dark brown and red-brown, except signage pertaining to public safety that is required to be another colour.

#### 5.0 Cleanup at Trail Site

It is the intention of the Parks and Recreation Committee to preserve the trail site in as natural a state as possible. Therefore, the off-footpath areas will be cleaned of woody debris only so far as required for public health and safety, and will otherwise be left undisturbed unless augmentation is required to facilitate educational programs. Footpaths will be maintained on an ongoing basis as required to provide safe passage for the visiting public.

**Annotation for Official Policy Book**

Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent to consider: May 7, 2009

Date of Passage of Current Policy: May 21, 2009

I certify that this was adopted by Council as indicated above.

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CAO / Clerk

May 22, 2009  
Date