

Parkland County Stakeholder Engagement

Devonian Trail Link Development – Devonian Botanic Garden to Prospectors Point Day Use Area

Comments from January 5 2015 –

9 attendees plus County (2), Consultants (2), Councillor (1)

- Use reserves for trail not road ROW (go through reserves in subdivisions and Tuckers Field, not through ROW)
- Restrict access east of Imrie Property to prevent damage by OHV
- Minimize amount of trail along Hwy 60
- Provide guardrails/fencing to restrict ATV/OHV activity along Hwy 60
- Add dog cleanup facilities
- The trail will require increased enforcement activities
- Requires gates along trail (N/S ROW from Tuckers Field to south subdivision) to restrict access to pedestrians only
- Develop trail 500 – 800 metres along south side of south subdivision (West 35 Estates) to connect to reserves and link to subdivision
- Keep gate on road ROW (N/S) at Tuckers Field and Imrie Property
- Residents asked to be kept up to date on construction scheduling and activities
- Concern about the level of investment and the number of users
- Loss of privacy

(1) Comment form received

Comments from January 7 2015 –

10 attendees plus County (2), Consultants (2), Councillor (1)

- Concerns with security – an increased number of people passing by their homes/lots
- Increased unsupervised or unpatrolled activity may happen in Tuckers Field
- People looking into lots/homes from trail
- Reduced access from back of lots to Banksiana due to grades and the potential need for a retaining wall if trail on north side of Banksiana
- Lots within Narao Pines subdivision cannot have fencing due to restrictive covenant – how will views from trail be screened?
- Some lots along Banksiana have barbed wire fencing in disrepair
- Preference for yellow trail along Banksiana (south side) with care regards views into lots to the north as well as yellow trail through U of A lands (more scenic)
- How will enforcement occur? – County has no funds for patrolling
- Concern about maintenance funding
- Trail has no connection to river valley
- Connection over the Hwy 60 Bridge to Town of Devon is not pleasant. Need a safe connection across river
- Trail will not be used
- Trail will not have repeat users
- Trail location is not aesthetic – ugly and no one will use – don't use road ROW
- The Devonian Botanic Garden and Prospectors Point attract totally different users
- Received no feedback from past consultation. Why was this route selected
- Do not want ATV/OHV activity

- Concern with animal/dog trespassing with trail bringing in more pedestrian traffic
- Consider this a trail to 'nowhere' similar to Gramnia Road trail which was ultimately removed
- Quads ruined Tuckers Field for pedestrians – needs rehabilitation
- No one will use trail along Hwy 60
- How will trail be constructed through wet area/wetland on corner of Hwy 60 and Banksiana? – water movement through area must continue
- Drainage issues at culvert under Banksiana at Hwy 60 – silted up or poorly draining and causes ponding
- Concern for safety of pedestrians along Banksiana due to high volume of fast moving traffic.
- Road is currently posted at 70 and does not feel safe
- Concern for ditch drainage with trail location along Banksiana (north side)
- Concern with available area for trail between property line and edge of road along Banksiana
- Concern for grading of trail at road/entrance crossings
- Concern about ad hoc parking starting at Tuckers Field and patrolling/enforcement. Bollards or fencing were suggested to prevent
- Preference for gravel/granular trail over asphalt – looks more natural
- Asphalt is less attractive to OHV users
- Did not receive key to Tuckers Field gates for additional emergency egress
- Trail does not have a loop
- What are expected user levels
- Has a traffic study been completed
- Concern for road snow clearing and trail conflicts
- Concern for current garbage levels on Banksiana
- What is the renewal timeline for Banksiana
- Concern for increased garbage and dog litter
- Do not want a parking lot as part of project
- Trail should be year round use
- How will screening of lots occur? Berms, planting?
- Should have used *interest based negotiations* for consultation
- Why not revisit trail alignment?
- County should start talking to two owners about another alignment from Tuckers Field to the Botanic Garden
- Should the residents be represented on the Project Steering Committee
- Councillor Jensen to bring resident concerns back to council
- Is there a possibility to phase the project
- Residents asked to be kept up to date on construction scheduling and activities

Follow-up

Summary of comments to go out once compiled, followed by assessment of comments and how to resolve them at a later date. Comments and resolutions to be posted on website.