

**- ADDENDUM -
- GUELPH CITY COUNCIL MEETING -**

-February 28, 2011 -

CONSENT REPORTS

- a) Operations & Transit Committee: Clause 3: Guelph Innovation District Trails

Memorandum from Murray Cameron, General Manager of Parks Maintenance & Development re: Guelph Junction Railway Company concerns

"THAT By-law Numbers (2011)-19153 to (2011)-19163, inclusive, are hereby passed."

BY-LAWS

By-law Number (2011)-19161 A by-law to remove Lot 79, Plan 61M152 designated as Parts 3 and 4, Reference Plan 61R11040 in the City of Guelph from Part Lot Control. (33 and 35 Vipond Street)	To remove land from part lot control to create separate parcels for semi detached dwellings to be known municipally as 33 and 35 Vipond Street.
By-law Number (2011)-19162 A by-law to authorize the execution of a Partial Release of Development Covenants and Restrictions with respect to Part of Block 1, Registered Plan 696, designated as Parts 2 and 4, Reference Plan 61R3663, City of Guelph. (51 Watson Rd. S.)	To partial release development covenants and restrictions as they have been met to the satisfaction of the City.
By-law Number (2011)-19163 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of meetings of Guelph City Council. (February 7 and 28, 2011)	To confirm the proceedings of Council meetings held February 7 and 28, 2011.

MEMO

TO: Mayor Farbridge and Members of Council
FROM: Murray Cameron
DEPARTMENT: Operations and Transit, Parks Maintenance and Development
DATE: February 25, 2011
Guelph Innovation District Trails(Operations and Transit Committee Report OT021107)– Update
SUBJECT: Guelph Junction Railway Company concerns

Further to the direction from the Operations and Transit Committee meeting of February 22nd, to obtain input from the Guelph Junction Railway Company (GJR) for the proposed Guelph Hiking Trail Club (GHTC) licence agreement, Parks Planning and Development staff met on-site at Royal City Jaycees Park with Guelph Junction Railway staff to review their concerns.

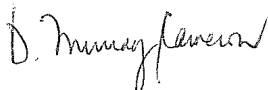
Although the proposed trail alignment will not directly impact ongoing railway operations, GJR remains concerned that the public will use the GJR right-of-way and the timber trestle railway bridge, as a short-cut to both existing formal and informal trails on the south and west side of Eramosa River; outside the area of the recommended licence agreement and physically separated by dense brush and Clythe Creek.

Further to our discussions, staff is recommending that the following condition, as requested by the GJR, be included in the proposed trail license agreement between the City and GHTC.

"The GHTC agrees that should it be advised by the GJR that trail users are utilising railway lands for unauthorized trail access, it will undertake to the satisfaction of the GJR any and all steps necessary to curtail this activity"

The GJR has further requested that City Council give consideration to directing staff to facilitate discussions among stakeholders, property owners and the Guelph Junction Railway leading to the resolution of issues regarding trail connectivity and railway trespassing in the Guelph Innovation District area, south and west of the Eramosa River.

Yours truly,



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Attachment: Letter from the GJR dated February 25, 2011

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ATTN: MS. Jyoti Pathak

Dear Madam:

Subject: Guelph Innovation District Trail- Report number OT021107

The Guelph Junction Railway [GJR] has reviewed the above noted proposal and met with both City staff and Guelph Hiking Trail Club representatives to clarify the alignment. Although the proposed trail itself does not affect ongoing railway operations, we remain concerned that the public will desire to use our right of way and timber trestle railway bridge as a short cut to both formal and informal trails on the south side of the Eramosa River. The GHTC trail as proposed provides a link to the Radial Line Trail at Stone Road; however, the starting point of both trails are remote and at considerable distance to each other. The GJR running north south naturally bisects these lands and a crossing of our rail bridge creates a short mid block trail connection. This rail bridge has no accommodation for pedestrians consequently it is imperative that the public not be permitted access.

None the less the GJR recognizing that trail development is desired and to the betterment of the community will support the above noted trail provided the following condition forms part of the licence agreement.

“The applicant agrees that should it be advised by the GJR that trail users are utilising railway lands for unauthorized trail access, it will undertake to the satisfaction of the GJR any and all steps necessary to curtail this activity”

The GJR further requests that City Council give consideration to directing staff to facilitate discussions among stakeholders, property owners and the Guelph Junction Railway leading to the resolution of issues regarding trail connectivity and railway trespassing in the Guelph Innovation Land area.



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