

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: February 7, 2024

Subject: CN Bike Trail Licence of Occupation

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the attached ten-year Licence of Occupation with Canadian National Railway Company to allow for the purposes of recreation of non-motorized vehicles.

BACKGROUND:

The Bike Trail out to the Industrial Mill Sites was initially built in 1998 with a gravel base. In 2005, the District Mackenzie successfully secured funding from the Cycling Infrastructure Partnership Program (CIPP), enabling them to relocate and pave the trail. The trail serves a purpose in the community, offering residents a viable alternative mode of transportation to access the industrial area from the townsite and promotes cycling as a sustainable means of commuting.

Part of this trail falls on BC Railway (BCR)/Canadian National Railway (CN) lands. Adjacent to FFI Rd, for this section of the trail, CN is looking to pursue a Licence of Occupation (LOO). The proposed LOO outlines key terms and conditions, including a ten-year term and an annual rent payment of \$250.00. Additionally, the agreement stipulates a requirement for general liability insurance with coverage of one million dollars per incident. For more information please see the attached agreement (Appendix A) and reference map.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$250.00 would be allocated from the 2024 General Operating Budget.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident



engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Luke Thorne, Land and Environmental Coordinator

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer