

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Administration

**Date:** April 18, 2023

**Subject:** Azan Trail – Licence of Occupation

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the attached thirty-year Licence of Occupation with the Province of British Columbia to allow for the purposes of recreation of non-motorized vehicles.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The formerly named Mackenzie Perimeter Trail, now the Azan Trail, was proposed by Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association (MORATA) to increase trail access for all residents and provide close trail access to all homes within the community. The trail plan encircles the community, connecting the existing Little Mac Downhill trails, Deet and Citronella trails, cross-country skiing trails and the Morfee Lake Perimeter trail. Biking, walking, and trail running are the main uses of the trail network in the summer, while snowshoeing and fat biking are the primary uses in the winter.

At the Regular Council meeting of May 14, 2022, staff had asked Council for permission to move forward with the permitting of the Azan Trail on Crown land and to accept the change of location of the accessible section of the trail. A copy of the previous report to Council has been included in the Centre Table File for further background information.

Since then, staff have worked with the Province to determine the appropriate area and type agreement. Staff have brought back the proposed Licence of Occupation from the Province attached in Appendix A.

The term of the agreement would be 30 years, with a licence cost of \$1.00. The lands will be maintained as outlined in the management plan, which has been included in the centre table file for further information. The insurance required by the Province for the land is \$2 million Commercial General Liability, which the District's policy meets.

**NEXT STEPS:**

If approved, staff will finalize the crown agreement and then engage with MORATA to establish a sub-license agreement for the Azan Trail on both Crown and Municipal Lands. This agreement, similar to those the District has with the Alpine Riders, will more clearly outline the responsibilities of both the District and MORATA with regard to the trail moving forward.

**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,

  
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Luke Thorne  
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Approved for Submission to Council