

## Memorandum

TO: Krista Power, City Clerk FILE:

FROM: Councillor Greg Johnsen

**DATE:** 03/17/2023 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT: Request for Report – Potential Trail Network in Neebing Ward

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Committee of the Whole - 04/03/2023 (mm/dd/yyyy)

The Neebing Ward is a large geographical area with an abundance of natural beauty where residents enjoy walking and biking and many families choose to make their home. One of the greatest challenges that residents face is the opportunity to be outside in a safe way without sidewalks or walking trails.

The area around Nor'Wester View School and Mountain Road has great potential for walking trails which would provide an increase in access for students to walk to school, families to engage in exercise in a safe and accessible way and potentially increase property values for the area. It is my hope that we can investigate this potential in advance of the 2024 Budget to determine if this project has support and City Council is willing to invest in the area.

I would like to request that Administration complete work relative to establishing appropriate options for a trail network around Nor'Wester View school and lands surrounding Mountain Road in the coming months. The outcome would be to bring forward relative financial impacts and costs that may be included in the 2024 Capital and Operating Budget for council's consideration.

As outlined in this memorandum, I provide the following motion for Council's consideration,

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Greg Johnsen dated March 17, 2023, we recommend that Administration investigate the various options for a trail network in the vicinity of Mountain Road and Nor'Wester View School;

AND THAT this report include on a broad scale the financial impacts of taking on this work in the 2024 budget and future city budgets;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before October 16, 2023;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to Council for ratification.

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