
For Immediate Release**Cambridge Trail Study Underway
Public Opinion Key to the Process**

Cambridge, Ontario. April 26, 2010... Blazing new pedestrian and bikeway trails in the City of Cambridge requires user input. A number of community consultation opportunities related to the development of the Cambridge trail system will happen as part of the multi-use trail study that recently kicked off.

A workshop, presentation and online/hard copy survey are among the tools that the team at the City of Cambridge, in consultation with the project consultants MHBC Planning and MTE consultants, will utilize to gather public input and ideas that will help grow the 54 km network in the city. The scenic urban and rural trails wind throughout the city and include 18 km along the Grand River, a Canadian Heritage river.

A public meeting and workshop will be held on Thursday May 6th, 2010 in the Bowman Room at Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson Street. An open house is scheduled between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm, followed by a presentation and workshop which should conclude at 9:00 pm.

"We are looking for views on where new trail routes could be established; what types of trails are desired; what locations or destinations the public would like linked to the existing trails; and any general views on the City's trail system that community representatives wish to share," says Alex Koch, Cambridge's Co-ordinator of Design & Development for Community Services.

The information will be used to update the existing city-wide, Multi-use Trail Study and Trail Maintenance Manual which was developed in 1996 as a guide to future trail improvements and strategies. Since then, the city has expanded its network and benefited from the volunteer work of the Cambridge Trails Advisory Committee.

Council representative on the committee, Gary Price, says the committee has been focused on implementation of primarily off road trails to enhance the current community offerings and build on the significant benefits for local neighbourhoods. "One recent expansion is the Moffat Creek Trail which is still under construction and includes a beautiful boardwalk and extension of the trail between Franklin Boulevard and Dundas Street," says Councillor Price. This portion of the trail is expected to open in July and will eventually link to the new south east Galt community development.

For more information and to fill out the survey online visit our website at www.cambridge.ca/trails.

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Did you know?

John Holman, FaCT Level III Accredited Test Centre, Level IV National Cycling Coach Candidate and City of Cambridge employee is working with up and coming cyclist Ryan Roth. A Cambridge native, Roth often uses portions of the Grand Trunk Trail from Blair into downtown Galt for training purposes. He's also a member of Steve Bauer's team SpiderTech powered by Planet Energy that has collected 12 Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) victories to date on the UCI America circuit and is aiming to be the first Canadian team to participate in the Tour de France in near future.

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About Cambridge

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2009, the population reached over 126,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

About the Corporation of the City of Cambridge

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is a dynamic organization filled with dedicated people who deliver vital municipal services to you. Services that residents, businesses, visitors and people like your family and friends enjoy. We're a comprehensive team of professionals: engineers, financial specialists, skilled trades, administrative experts, customer service, communications - and the list goes on.

We're proud to be part of the systems that bring you the array of services that citizens in Cambridge need:

- Parks and recreation
- Activities and programs like pools, seniors' centres, community centres, arenas and other facilities
- Sports programs and all the needs related to playing fields, like indoor soccer, baseball diamonds and other amenities
- Events
- Farmers' Market
- Cemetery services
- Road programs
- Leaf pick up services
- Winter maintenance services

- Water and sewer services
- Fire, emergency and related services
- By-laws and enforcement
- Tax administration
- Licensing for businesses, lotteries, marriage, dogs, and other services like applications for birth, death and marriage certificates, notarizing or commissioning of documents
- Archival research
- Economic Development and business support programs
- Tourism support to share opportunities to showcase the festivals and help bring visitors in to support retail and other elements of the economy
- Administration of committees, steering groups and advisory groups
- Planning and development services
- Traffic and parking services
- Ensuring the best security, police, transit, garbage, water processing service, utilities, animal control are in place.
- Libraries and galleries
- Centre for the arts
- Accessibility matters
- Council services including things like supporting the up coming needs of our residents for the Oct 2010 municipal elections

It's a multitude of services and we continue to refine and review them to ensure we deliver the services in the most effective, efficient, and proactive ways.

In 2010 we are undergoing a corporate service review. This is a further check and balance system to seeking improvements - like better technologies to simplify processes or realigning how we operate. The comprehensive review is happening this year with a view to providing a report to Council for consideration. The report will be available by year end and will be addressed by the newly elected council for the 2011 budget.

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