

Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

Action Request

Meeting:	Committee of the Whole Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 17, 2024
Originated By:	Esther Quiambao, General Manager of Planning & Community Services
Title:	Kinosoo Ridge Phase 1 Trail Development Project Report - Update

PROPOSAL

On July 9th, 2024 a status report was presented to Council by consultant McElhanney Ltd. with regards to the Kinosoo Ridge Resort Planning Project for the creation of Mountain Biking, Nordic and Hiking Trails & All Season Glamping. McElhanney outlined and provided the status on three components:

1. Trail Design Status
2. Glamping Design Status
3. 2022 Business & Destination Management Plan Update

Following the presentation, Council directed Administration to bring the item forward for further discussion at the September Committee of the Whole Meeting.

DISCUSSION

Since Council approved the Kinosoo Ridge Resort Business & Destination Management Plan in mid 2022, Administration has worked to promote and achieve some initial Plan benchmarks. With the near completion of the first planning and design project initiative, Administration has recognized that some of these benchmarks and added service areas are not achievable based on the current economy, and assumptions within the document regarding a chosen MCC management model or running the facility as a true business.

Therefore, Administration is looking for Council's input with regards to how to proceed from here:

1. Close the 2023 Planning Project for Mountain Biking, Nordic and Hiking Trails & All Season Glamping (Phase 1 Trail Development) now, with the Trail detail design in shovel ready status and the Glamping design as conceptually complete.
2. Same as option 1 however, with the unused project budget, direct Administration to proceed with the consultant recommended added scope to do an update and revision to the 2022 KRR Business & Destination Management Plan.
3. Complete the 2023 Planning Project's full detail design scope as intended and have Council provide input into the presented glamping concept design.

Attached for Council's consideration and review:

- Appendix A: McElhanney Presentation from the July 9, 2024 Council Meeting

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 3: Promote Community Development

REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

N/A

BUDGET IMPACTS

Kinosoo Ridge 2022 Business & Destination Management Plan Update proposal "A" : \$36,000

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee recommends to Council closing out the 2023 Planning for Mountain Biking, Nordic and Hiking Trails & All-Season Glamping (Phase 1 Trail Development) Project until financial commitment can be secured from external sources such as provincial grant funding.

OPTIONS

1. THAT the Committee recommends to Council closing out the 2023 Planning for Mountain Biking, Nordic and Hiking Trails & All-Season Glamping (Phase 1 Trail Development) Project until financial commitment can be secured from external sources such as provincial grant funding.
2. THAT the Committee recommends to Council closing out the 2023 Planning for Mountain Biking, Nordic and Hiking Trails & All-Season Glamping (Phase 1 Trail Development) Project until financial commitment can be secured from external sources such as provincial grant funding, and furthermore, to proceed with McElhanney's recommended added scope to do an update and revision to the 2022 Business & Destination Management Plan at a cost of \$36,000 to be funded from the unused portion of the project budget.
3. THAT the Committee recommends to Council completing the full detail design scope of the 2023 Planning for Mountain Biking, Nordic and Hiking Trails & All-Season Glamping (Phase 1 Trail Development) Project, as originally approved.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Kinosoo Ridge Report Follow-up from June 9th (Phase 1 Trail Development).docx
Attachments:	- Appendix A - Pages from 2024-07-09 Council Meeting.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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