



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Kristene Scott, Commissioner, Community Services

Date: October 23, 2023

Report No: COMS-009-23

Subject: Adopt a Road - Park Program

Recommendation: That the Adopt a Road / Park Program report be received for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the May 29, 2023 Council meeting, staff were directed, by resolution, to establish a formal Adopt-a-Park/Road program to support and acknowledge volunteers who regularly clean up designated areas throughout the municipality (Appendix A).

The Adopt-a-Park/Road Program is a community-based initiative designed to foster civic engagement, environmental stewardship, and beautification of Milton's public spaces.

This report provides an overview of the program, its objectives, implementation strategy, and the positive impact it will have on our community.

REPORT

Background

Milton recognizes the importance of involving residents in the upkeep of our roads and parks. Currently, the Town partners with organizations and volunteers for various community clean-up efforts/events through the provision of supplies and coordination of garbage pick-up. In 2023 there was approximately twenty clean up events with over two hundred bags of garbage collected.

Discussion

Many individuals, families and community groups volunteer their time and resources to maintain and beautify Town of Milton public spaces.

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Community clean ups would still exist however, a formal Adopt-a-Park/Road Program would enable participants to adopt a specific road segment or park area, taking responsibility for litter removal, and minor maintenance activities such as weeding beds where appropriate. Participants would commit to regular clean-ups and/or park improvements over a designated period.

The key objectives of the program are as follows:

- a. Enhance the aesthetics and cleanliness of our public spaces.
- b. Promote community pride and ownership.
- c. Compliment current cleanup activities and initiatives.
- d. Foster environmental awareness and responsibility.

The program would officially launch in Spring 2024. Staff will develop enhanced program details to provide volunteers with toolkits which will include related supplies and safety guidelines. Participants, will be able to register via email to express interest and start the process. Staff will oversee participant assignments, assist with schedules, and provide necessary support. In order to participate in the program, volunteers will need to make a two-year commitment and in doing so will be acknowledged with a sign in the area that they have adopted.

Eligibility to participate in this program will be reviewed based on the criteria as outlined in Corporate Sponsorship Policy no. 82 to maintain appropriate community standards.

Staff will monitor and manage the road segments and park areas that have been adopted to assess impact and level of effort to make improvements or support recommendations regarding this initiative.

Financial Impact

The Adopt-a-Park/Road Program supplies for the first year of the program will be funded through the Facilities, Operations & Environment Division budget. Administration of the initial program will be coordinated using existing resources, however additional funding may be required in future budgets for signage and resources (program oversight) depending upon the uptake and how the program evolves over time.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

Appendix A - Notice of Motion - Adopt a Park/Road Program (May 29, 2023)

Approved by CAO
Andrew M. Siltala
Chief Administrative Officer

Recognition of Traditional Lands

The Town of Milton resides on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee people. The Town of Milton shares this land and the responsibility for the water, food and resources. We stand as allies with the First Nations as stewards of these lands.