



Kawartha Lakes Parks Advisory Committee
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To Members of City of Kawartha Lakes Council:

This letter is sent with the endorsement of the City of Kawartha Lakes' Parks Advisory Committee – approved motion, Thursday, August 18, 2022.

During the past 30 months, the increase in active participation in City parks and on City trails has been significant. More people of all ages are walking, riding, and jogging than ever before. Responses through Jump In surveys about the Trails Master Plan Review and development of the Active Transportation Master Plan have confirmed that citizens are keenly interested in increasing their capacity for active pursuits in the outdoors using City parks and trails. This increase has been particularly evident during the winter months. Citizens are using City parks and trails to walk, snowshoe, cross-country ski, disc golf and bike more than ever before.

To support this increase in the during winter months, the Parks Advisory Committee is requesting that the City investigate opportunities to support and increase winter use in parks and on trails by plowing parking areas adjacent to some parks and trails. As an example, these selected parks might be considered:

- Logie Park – lot already cleared for use of the skating oval – consider clearing and sanding paved pathways for walkers and joggers;
- Memorial Park – clear a small portion of the parking lot to support disc golfers who are using this golf park more than ever before in the winter;
- Garnet Graham Park - lot already cleared – consider clearing and sanding paved pathways for walkers and joggers;
- Optimist Soccer Park – clear lot, clear and sand pathways for walkers;
- Bobcaygeon Beach Park - clear lot, clear and sand pathways for walkers and provide safe downtown access for residents of Prospectus Point;
- Pontypool Forest Tract.

The members of the Parks Advisory Committee respectfully submit this request for Council's consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Sanderson
Chair, CKL Parks Advisory Committee