



REQUEST FOR A DECISION

Livable Community – open session – January 22, 2026

To: Councillor Breen, Chair, and Members of the Livable Community Committee
From: Mike Walker, P.Eng., Assistant Director – Engineering & Operations
Date: January 12, 2026
Title: Adoption of Parks & Trees Service Levels - Trails

ISSUE:

The City of Fredericton requires clear and consistent standards for the planning, construction, and maintenance of its trail network. Without updated guidelines, service delivery may lack uniformity, making it difficult to measure performance, allocate resources effectively, and respond to community expectations.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

A. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council for consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the City of Fredericton hereby adopts the updated Fredericton Parks & Trees Service Level Standards – Trails for the purpose of providing a guideline that will be used to plan, construct, maintain, monitor, adjust and evaluate Trail Service Standards; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff use these Service Level Standards to provide measured service changes and bring forward concepts for future discussion and consideration by Council.

SITUATION, BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:

SITUATION: Explain briefly, why we are acting.

- a. Current (extant) Direction. Trail Service Levels were presented to the Livable Community Committee Meeting on June 12, 2025. It was determined that adoption of service levels would be brought back to a future Livable Community Committee meeting.
- b. Alignment. This is routine business to support service levels and/or the **Municipal Plan**.
- c. Link to CAO goal or inflight.
- d. Why Service Levels are complete and ready for adoption by City Council.

BACKGROUND.

The City of Fredericton maintains an extensive trail network that supports recreation, active transportation, and community well-being. To ensure consistency and quality in planning, construction, maintenance, and evaluation, updated Service Level Standards for Trails have been developed. These standards provide a framework for delivering services that meet community expectations and align with best practices.

DISCUSSION.

The updated Service Level Standards outline measurable guidelines for trail design, maintenance, and monitoring. They will assist staff in evaluating current service levels, identifying areas for improvement, and proposing future enhancements. Adoption of these standards will enable Council to make informed decisions regarding resource allocation and service adjustments.

- **FINANCIAL:** The Department/Division has determined that there are no financial considerations associated with this matter. The **City Treasurer** was not specifically consulted with respect to this administrative report.
- **LEGAL:** The Department/Division has determined that there are no legal considerations associated with this matter. The **Office of the City Solicitor** was not specifically consulted with respect to this administrative report.
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Staff will work with communications staff to assist in providing information to the public on how these service level standards will provide direction in service planning and provisions.
- **CLIMATE LENS:**

Does this proposal move the City of Fredericton closer to its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets of 50% reduction by 2030 and net-zero by 2050 in line with the City's Corporate Energy & Emissions Plan and/or Community Energy Emission Plan?

- Moves us towards GHG reduction targets
- No change in GHG emissions
- Moves us away from GHG targets but there are trade-offs with other Council or Municipal Plan priorities (*identify which priorities*)

Does this proposal improve the City of Fredericton's resilience to the impacts of climate change in line with our Climate Change Adaptation Plan?

- Moves us towards climate resilience
- No change in resilience
- Moves us away from climate resilience but there are trade-offs with other Council or Municipal Plan priorities (*identify which priorities*)

SPOKESPERSON:

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dated January 14, 2026

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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