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**Subject:** DeCew Road Trail Project – Phase 2

**Report to:** Thorold City Council

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## Recommendations

1. That the DeCew Road Trail (Phase 2) project between the DeCew House and Morningstar Mill **BE CONSIDERED** as part of the 2024 Capital Budget deliberations; and
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to draft a cost-sharing Agreement with Rolling Meadows Land Corporation respecting the construction of the DeCew Road Trail Project (Phase 2) for Council's consideration at a future date.

## Key Facts

- The first phase of the DeCew Road Trail (Merrittville Rd. to DeCew House) was completed in 2022.
- Additional consultation with The Region and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is required to resolve outstanding alignment issues.
- Rolling Meadows Corporation Inc. has offered to provide in-kind and financial support for 50% of the total project cost.
- The completion of this project will provide an off-road connection between two historically significant properties (i.e. DeCew House and Morningstar Mill).

## Budgetary Status

Funding for the DeCew Road Trail (Phase 2) project was not approved in the 2023 Capital Budget.

## Analysis

Rolling Meadows Corporation Inc. has expressed interest to provide in-kind and financial support for up to 50% of the project costs estimated to be approximately \$865,000. Staff are working with the NPCA and Niagara Region to finalize the project alignment and construction approvals. See Appendix 1 for Location Plan.

A large portion of the proposed Phase-2 Decew Trail is situated on the lands under the ownership of the Region and NPCA regulated area. Consultations with these agencies will commence later this year.

### **Impact on the Environment, Climate Change**

Existing Trees – the trail alignment was designed to save and protect the existing trees.

### **Alternatives Reviewed**

None.

### **Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- Responsible Growth and Infrastructure Planning

### **Other Pertinent Reports/Appendices**

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### **Appendix**

- Appendix 1 – Location Plan