



REQUEST TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL FORM

ABOUT PERSON/GROUP PRESENTING

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ABOUT YOUR REQUEST

Topic of Presentation: The Coastal Link Trail - a proposed cycling route to connect the Trans Canada Trail in Saint John to the East Coast Greenway in Calais, Maine.

Purpose for Presentation (what is the ask of Council): We are asking for council's support of this project. It will be led by the Coastal Link Trail Incorporated, in cooperation with the regional service commissions, municipalities, provincial departments and community partners. We are asking for council to send a letter of support to the Minister of Transportation and that city staff work with us to ensure the route aligns with the city's active transportation, recreation and tourism goals.

Background Information: The Coast Link Trail is an idea that has existed in the community for decades. Portions of the former railbed between Saint John and St Stephen were developed for recreational use but never fully connected. More recently, a grassroots group of volunteers based in the Charlotte County area have organized to realize this dream. They are now an incorporated not-for-profit called Coastal Link Trail Inc. By working with the NB Trails Council, the Southwest New Brunswick Regional Service Commission, Fundy Regional Service Commission and the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, Coastal Link Trail Inc has completed a feasibility study for the route and secured \$1M in seed funding. We wish to begin development with our partner municipalities and the Department of Transportation. In addition to seed funding, we are working with Trans Canada Trail Inc and NB Trails Council to access additional resources, as well as organizing fund raising activities. The route will be registered with Trans Canada Trail Inc, opening up their development and marketing resources to this



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project. Registration with Trans Canada Trails requires us to demonstrate support from provincial and local governments.

YOUR SIGNATURE

Signature: Nick Cameron

Date: 2019-02-28

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