

‘North of the Nith’ Singletrack Trail Network & Nature Park

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Why are we here?

Dirt trails and nature.



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Woman in grey dress clapping

Male triathlete in blue and white kit

Woman in grey dress clapping

Woman in black top and white pants clapping

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This is what we live for.





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DATE: August 2019

PAY TO COUNTY OF BRANT
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\$ 15,000.00

FIFTEEN THOUSAND / 100 DOLLARS

MEMO NITH RIVER TRAIL TIRA project PER Dave R. TIRA CHAIR

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO HEALTHY WATERWAYS



W brant waterways foundation
DATE: June 18, 2020
PAY TO THE ORDER OF COUNTY OF BRANT \$ 12,000.00
TWELVE THOUSAND / 100 DOLLARS
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CONNECTING PEOPLE TO HEALTHY WATERWAYS



Brant Cycling Club (BCC)





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DATE: OCTOBER, 2017

PAY TO BRANT CYCLING CLUB \$ 10,000
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North of the Nith Draft Master Plan

SITE-WIDE STUDIES/PROJECTS

A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6

Short Term Projects (1-5 Years)



Where have we been?

April 27, 2021: BCC Delegation to Council

Resolution: Moved by Councillor MacAlpine

Seconded by Councillor Howes

That the proposal submitted from the Brant Cycling Club for a North of the Nith River Single Track Trail Network be received as information;

That Council supports the proposal, in principle, and authorizes staff to work with the Cycling Club to research next steps including finalizing a location, reviewing the lease and stewardship agreements and undertaking community engagement, utilizing the County's Engage Brant platform.

Where are we now?

February 17, 2026: BCC Delegation to Council

- 5 years (since original delegation)
- Multi million-dollar opportunity cost
- Draft Master Plan
 - >\$10m projected costs (for taxpayers)
 - 20-year timeline
 - ~ 7 acres of land allocated for singletrack (<3% of total area)
 - 2.3 kms of singletrack trail (10 minutes of riding)
 - Implementation plan contains critical flaws
 - Overall, too complex, too long, too expensive
 - Lacks community support

Our Ask

We respectfully request Council receive the Draft Master Plan as information and authorize staff to research a **Community Led Initiative (CLI) model**, including delegated authority for the **planning, fundraising, implementation and management** of the North of the Nith Singletrack Trail Network and Nature Park, with oversight provided by senior staff, and report back to Council by June 1, 2026.

A Simple Path Forward – Brant County

1. Research and approve a **CLI model** (by June 1, 2026)
2. Fence operational area
3. Execute **License Agreement (GRCA)** & **Sub License Agreement (CLI)**
4. Finalize **Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA)**
5. Provide appropriate oversight, as defined in the CLI agreement.

“A licence is a permission from a landowner (licensor) allowing someone (licensee) to use the land for a specified purpose...”

[Thomson Reuters Practical Law](#)

A Simple Path Forward – CLI Implementation

1. Maintenance corridor to ‘the dunes’
2. Switch back and bridge over creek
3. Parking Lot
4. Environmental Improvements
 - Invasive species removal (prioritize ‘the dunes’)
 - Tree planting
 - Habitat creation
5. Design & build sustainable trail network
 - Multiuse loops
 - Beginner & Intermediate singletrack trails (‘the dunes’)
 - Intermediate & Advanced singletrack trails (‘the dump’)

We can do this.

**We are simply
asking for a
chance.**

**Thank you for
your consideration.**

