

DATE: January 15, 2019**FILE:** 5950-20**TO:** Chair and Directors
Electoral Areas Services Committee**FROM:** Russell Dyson
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Chief Administrative Officer***R. Dyson*****RE: Saratoga Roadside Greenways****Purpose**

Rescind future planning of the roadside greenways within the Saratoga Miracle Beach settlement node to enable staff resources to concentrate on the Comox Road greenways initiative.

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:

THAT the Comox Valley Regional District rescind the decision to secure funding for the Saratoga Miracle Beach roadside greenways as a standalone initiative as directed by the February 27, 2017 staff report titled 'Seaman Road beach access and Saratoga Miracle Beach roadside greenway plan'.

Executive Summary

In the staff report dated February 27, 2017 regarding the Saratoga Miracle Beach roadside greenway plan and the development of the Seaman Road Beach Access, the Electoral Areas Services Committee approved a motion to secure funding for phase one of an active transportation network within the Saratoga Miracle Beach settlement node. This funding was proposed to be secured through a cost-sharing scenario between the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) and a Bike BC grant application. This was to be dependent upon the viability of the Comox Road greenway planning initiative which is currently still ongoing and unresolved.

At this time, staff recommends that the decision to support this specific stand-alone initiative be rescinded to enable staff resources to focus on the Comox Road greenway initiative. Once the Comox Road greenway initiative has been resolved, staff and the IRTSC could then revisit all the regional greenway options and prioritize the remaining projects. Appendix A outlines some of the greenway options.

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Attachments: Appendix A – “Comox Valley Roadside Pathways and Trails Concept”

