

Concept: How Might We Partner with Trout Unlimited?

Background:

On February 21st, 2019, the Mayor and the Director of Public Works & Utilities met with members of the local chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU) to discuss the health of the Twelve Mile Creek, and how development and Public Works activities have significant impact on that health.

The meeting was a success, with everyone agreeing that Trout Unlimited can help the Town improve practices that affect stream health and develop guidelines for lower impact development, while the Town can offer opportunities with projects through local post-secondary institutions and TU regarding stream health, roadway design and culvert/ stream repairs.

Since this meeting, TU has made a presentation to council and has requested that council direct staff to explore opportunities associated with developing a partnership between the Town of Pelham and TU. The partnership would be focused on maintaining the environmental health and sustainability of the 12 Mile Creek through the development of best practices related the Public Works Operations procedures and providing input and expertise regarding capital projects which effect the 12 Mile Creek. TU has expressed interest and will be an important stakeholder in the Sulphur Springs Road Failure Reconstruction project when considering the various reinstatement alternatives moving forward.

The principles of this partnership are outlined in the attached letter.

The Challenge:

How might we partner with TU to help protect stream health?

Our Recommended Solution:

That Committee receive the Public Works report, Trout Unlimited Principles of Partnership, and

That Committee recommend Council endorse the partnership as outlined.

Rationale:

The rationale for this partnership is to help preserve and maintain the environmental health and sustainability of the 12 Mile Creek in the Town of Pelham.

Measure of Success:

The measure of success will be the development of policies, procedures, and best practices to ensure that the activities within the Town of Pelham's Public Works Department are undertaken while keeping the environmental health of the 12 Mile Creek in mind. In addition, TU will serve as an important stakeholder with respect to the design and construction of capital projects affecting the 12 Mile Creek.

Milestones:

The Town of Pelham and TU will meet on an annual basis to review the partnership and the activities that may affect the health and sustainability of the 12 Mile Creek.

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Appendix 1 – Twelve Mile Creek Principles of Partnership

Appendix 2 – Addendum to Public Works Letter