

# Supporting a Steve Bauer Trail Road Crossing

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With Upper Canada Consultants and R.V. Anderson Associates

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## Overview: Supporting a Steve Bauer Trail Road Crossing

- Forest Park and Kunda Park (extension 4) subdivision applications
- January 11, 2021 Council Trail System Resolution
- Consideration of 3 alternative options to 2 trail crossings
- RVA comparative expert transportation analysis
- Preferred Option 1 − 1 trail road crossing over Steve Bauer Trail
- Request of Council to permit:
  - 1 road crossing over the Steve Bauer Trail
  - Approval of a by-law to deem portion of Steve Bauer Trail a public highway

#### **Forest Park Subdivision**

Address: Pt. Thorold Twp. Lt. 171-172, Part 1 on RP59R-728

Area: 17.07 Hectares Developable Area: 16.4 Hectares Density: 27 UPH



#### **Kunda Park Extension 4**

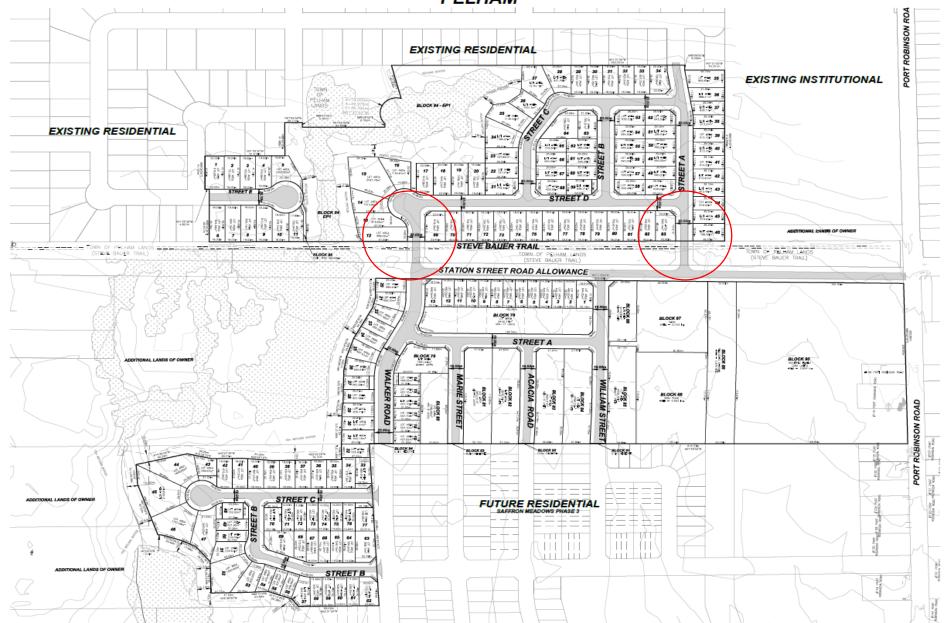
Address: Pt. Thorold Twp. Lt. 173 Ward: 3

Area: 11.1 Hectares Developable Area: 6.2 Hectares Density: 9.7 UPH



#### KUNDA PARK / FOREST PARK





### January 11, 2021 Town of Pelham Trail System

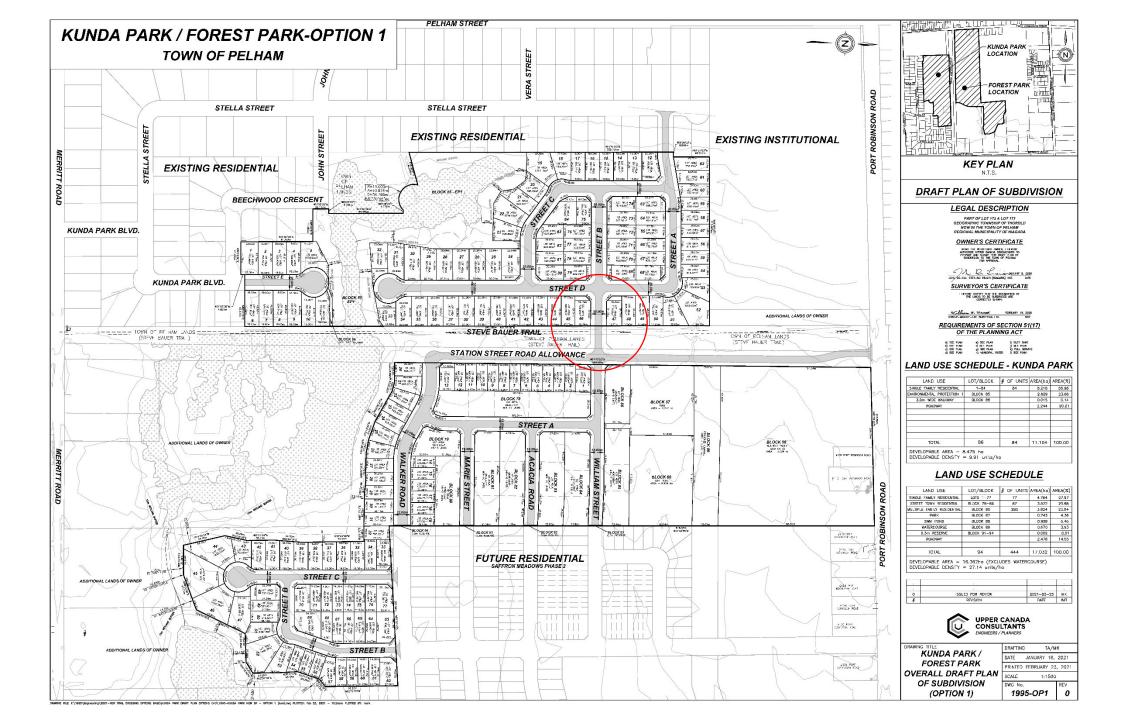
- Town recognized value in protecting Steve Bauer Trail and Gerry Berkhout Trail
- January 11, 2021 Council Trail System Resolution
- Council Resolved
  - No new road crossings over Steve Bauer or Gerry Berkhout Trails
  - Shall not dedicate any portion of either trail as a public highway
  - Council endorsed preservation of the trails as they currently exist
- Sterling also endorses and values preservation of the trails but seeks an exemption to the Resolution

## **Exploring 3 Alternative Options**

Option 1: 1 road connection to Station St., Road crossing trail; No PSW extension

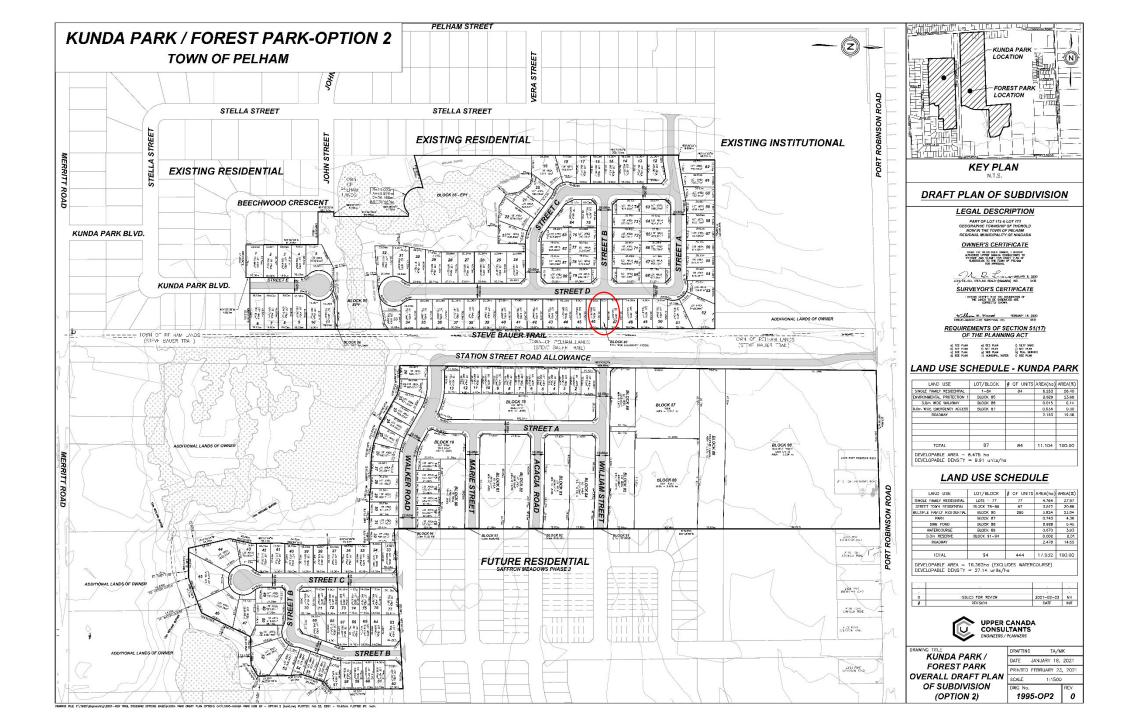
Option 2: No road connection to Station St., EMS access crossing trail; No PSW extension

Option 3: No road connection to Station St., Walkway crossing trail; PSW road extension



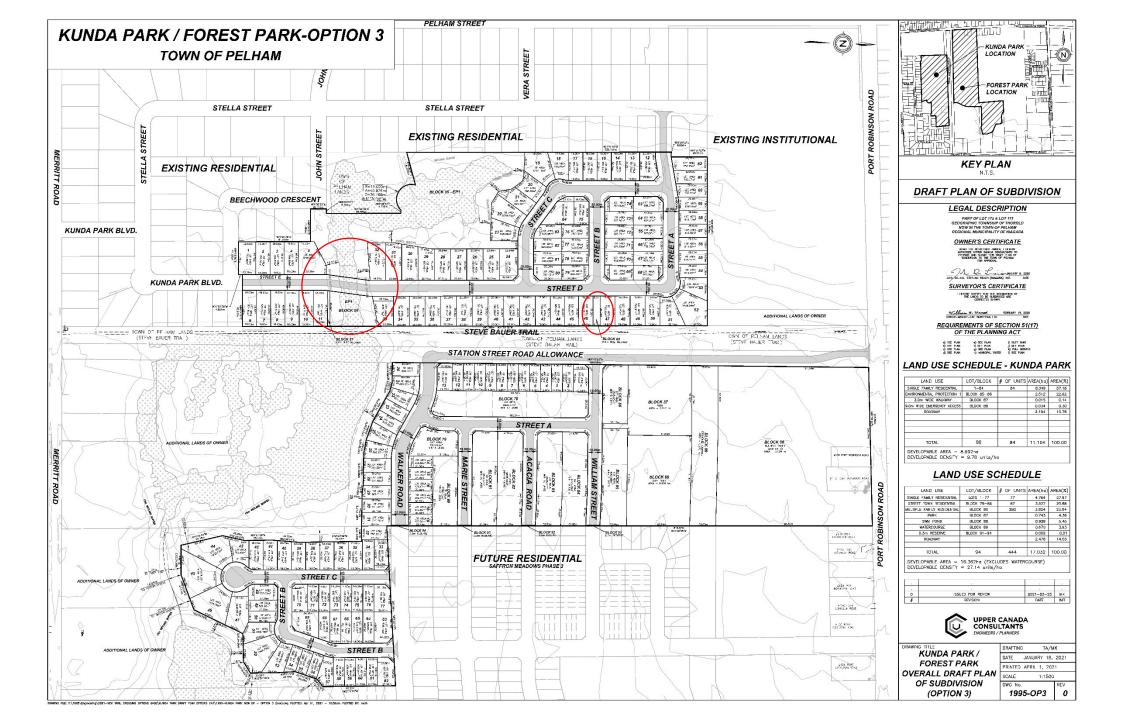
#### Option 1

- Community Interconnection: Interconnection of both subdivisions via an extension of William Street across the Steve Bauer Trail. The trail crossing is a proposed 8.5-metrewide roadway with accommodation for all modes including boulevards, sidewalks, and street illumination.
- **PSW Impacts:** Kunda Park Boulevard is discontinuous at the Provincially Signification Wetland (PSW) located near the south end of the subdivision. No road extension is proposed through PSW areas.



#### Option 2

- Community Interconnection: Interconnection of both subdivisions does not exist for all modes. A paved 9-metre-wide emergency access connecting Station Street Road Extension to Street D in the Kunda Park Subdivision would be in place. The access would require paving of the trail at the crossing point for emergency vehicles. The emergency access would be gated at each end and would require emergency personnel to exit their vehicles and unlock the gate prior to proceeding. Pedestrians and cyclists could utilize the access for connectivity to the Steve Bauer Trail and the subdivisions. The access would be aligned with the proposed William Street and Station Street intersection and would not be illuminated.
- **PSW Impacts:** Kunda Park Boulevard is discontinuous at the PSW located near the south end of the subdivision. No road extension is proposed through PSW areas.



#### Option 3

- Community Interconnection: Interconnection of both subdivisions does not exist for all modes. A paved 3-metre-wide walkway connecting Station Street Road Extension to Street D in the Kunda Park Subdivision would be in place for use by pedestrians and cyclists. The walkway would be aligned with the proposed William Street and Station Street intersection and would not be illuminated.
- **PSW Impacts:** Kunda Park Boulevard would be extended southerly across the PSW area impacting the environment.

# RVA Multi-Criteria Evaluation of Road Network Options

Table 2: Evaluation Criteria

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION
Traffic Operation	S
Neighbourhood Connectivity	Number and accessibility of road network connections provided between the site and the external road network.
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Access	Degree of accessibility for emergency vehicles to access the site from the external road network
Intersection Operations	Anticipated traffic operational impacts of the site generated traffic on surrounding intersections
Trail Operations	and Safety
Road/Trail Crossings	Number of road-trail crossing proposed
Trail Access	Degree of accessibility for trail users accessing the trail
Illumination	Level of additional trail illumination proposed
Natural Environm	ent Impacts
Vegetation Impacts	Variation in vegetation impacts (i.e., tree removals) between the options
PSW Impacts	Variation in PSW impacts between the options

RVA Multi-Criteria Evaluation – Preferred Road Network Option



OPTION 1 IS THE
PREFERRED ROAD
NETWORK OPTION, FOR
THE FOLLOWING KEY
DISTINGUISHING FACTORS:



• TRAFFIC OPERATIONS: THIS OPTION MAXIMIZES **ROAD NETWORK** CONNECTIVITY AND EMS **ACCESSIBILITY WITH MULTIPLE ROAD** CONNECTION OPTIONS PROVIDED AND OFFERS THE **BEST DISPERSION OF** TRAFFIC TO THE SURROUNDING COLLECTOR AND ARTERIAL ROAD **NETWORK WITH THE LEAST** ANTICIPATED IMPACTS TO INTERSECTION OPERATIONS FOR ALL MODES AND SFRVICES.



• TRAIL OPERATIONS AND
SAFETY: THIS OPTION
PROPOSES A ROAD-TRAIL
CROSSING THAT PROVIDES
AN ADDITIONAL ACCESS
POINT FOR TRAIL USERS VIA
WILLIAM STREET, WITH
ADDITIONAL ILLUMINATION
PROPOSED AT THE SUBJECT
CROSSING; AND



 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT: THE LEVEL OF VEGETATION IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED TRAIL CROSSING IS GENERALLY **NOMINAL AS PER THE** BEACON ENVIRONMENTAL TREE LOSS ASSESSMENT REPORT, WITH NO MEASURABLE DIFFERENCE IN TREE LOSS IF AN EMS **ACCESS TO THE TRAIL WAS** PROPOSED INSTEAD OF THE WILLIAM STREET CROSSING, AND FURTHERMORE NO **PSW IMPACTS ARE** PROPOSED.

## Conclude: Supporting a Steve Bauer Trail Road Crossing

- 1 trail road crossing at William Street is the best solution for the Town
- Key considerations: Traffic operations, trail operations & safety and natural environmental impact
- The Trail remains protected and crossing enhances access and safety
- Request of Council to permit an exception to the Trail Resolution:
  - 1 road crossing over the Steve Bauer Trail
  - Approval of a by-law to deem portion of trail a public highway
- Client will continue work with staff on Forest Park and Kunda Park



Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

The following people are available for questions:

- Scott Snider, Turkstra Mazza Associates (legal counsel)
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- Nick Palumbo, R. V. Anderson Consultants (transportation)
- John Delisio, Sterling Realty (Niagara) Inc. (owner)