



Title: Recreational Trail Policy	Internal/ External
Department: Recreation and Leisure	Policy Number RL-011
Approval Date: March 04, 2014	Implementation Date: March 05, 2014

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Town’s commitment to quality programming and services for residents that promote healthy, active lifestyles; an extensive recreational trail system has been developed. The trail system referred to in this policy includes but is not limited to; Octagon Pond, Neil’s Pond, Elizabeth Park, Peter Barry Duff Memorial Park, and the T’Railway.

This policy was approved by Council on March 04, 2014.

PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the maintenance standards, user responsibilities, and acceptable/unacceptable uses regarding the Town of Paradise recreational trail system.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Town of Paradise encourages its residents and visitors to utilize all trails throughout the year. The Recreation and Leisure Services Department shall not be held responsible for injuries obtained through trail use, where proper duty of care was taken on behalf of the Town with regards to maintenance.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES:

1. **Maintenance:** The trail system is maintained by Town Staff throughout the year. This includes grooming during summer and winter as well as repairs and replacements as required. Winter grooming does not include snow removal, or salting on trails.
2. **Risk:** As indicated with signage, the trail system is, ‘Use at Your Own Risk’. Where proper maintenance and care has been taken by the Town, the Town will not be responsible for any injuries obtained while the public uses the trail.
3. **Leashing:** All residents utilizing the trails are asked to keep their pets leashed.
4. **Litter/Nuisance:** As per the Town of Paradise *Anti- Litter Regulations 2013*, no person shall deposit litter in public places, garbage bins are provided for litter on all trails. Further, residents are asked to utilize waste bags that are provided to pick up after their pets.

5. Acceptable Use: All recreational trails within the Town welcome walking, running, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing and horseback riding.
6. Unacceptable Use: Unauthorized motor vehicles are prohibited such as cars, motorcycles, trikes/quads, snowmobiles, side by sides, argos, etc.

REVIEW: This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Chief Administrative Officer: *Rebecca Curran* Date: *March 24/14*
