



VILLAGE OF BUENA VISTA

Briefing Note

To:	Mayor and Council
Date:	August 25, 2026
Subject:	Adair Street Entrance to Walking Path Concerns

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with an update regarding concerns received from residents about the walking path access from Adair Street and to seek direction on how the Village should proceed with improvements to the path.

BACKGROUND:

Administration has received letters from residents expressing concern regarding the condition and accessibility of the walking path from Adair Street. As part of the recent road construction, a portion of the existing pathway has been impacted.

The primary concern raised by residents is that the pathway is now significantly steeper, making it difficult and potentially unsafe for use.

CONSIDERATIONS:

A survey of the area was completed to determine the property boundaries. The survey indicates that a portion of the existing pathway is located on private property rather than entirely within the Crown Land. This survey also determined that the 'round-about' that existed before the road construction was also on private property.

One option would be to relocate the pathway so that it is entirely within municipal/Crown Land. However, due to the steep terrain, this would require a significant amount of fill and would require the removal of several trees. This option would therefore involve additional cost, construction work, and environmental/site conditions.

An alternative would be to leave the pathway generally in its current location and undertake improvements to make it safer and more accessible. This option would still required work by Public Works to address the steepness and condition of the path. However, because a portion of the pathway is located on private property, Administration recommends that the municipality first determine whether the property owner is agreeable to the pathway remaining in its current general location and to any necessary improvements.

OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Option 1: Direct Public Works to proceed with planning the relocation of the pathway entirely onto municipal/Crown Land.

This option would likely require:

- Significant quantities of fill due to the existing grade;
- Tree removal;
- Additional construction work to establish a suitable grade; and
- Additional municipal expense.

Option 2: Contact the property owner first

Direct Administration to contact the affected property owner to discuss the existing pathway and determine whether they would be agreeable to the pathway remaining in its current general location.

If the property owner is agreeable, Public Works could investigate options for improving the existing pathway to make it safer while minimizing the amount of work, tree removal and fill required.

RECOMMENDATION

Administration recommends that Council direct to first contact the property owner to discuss existing pathway and determine whether an agreement can be reached to retain the pathway in its current general location, subject to appropriate safety improvements.

This would allow the municipality to explore potentially less costly and less disruptive solution before proceeding with relocation, while also allowing the engineer's inspection to identify any additional concerns resulting from the recent road construction.

Proposed Council Resolution:

THAT Council direct Administration to contact the affected property owner regarding the existing pathway access and explore the possibility of retaining the pathway in its current general location, subject to improvements being made to address safety and accessibility concerns; and FURTHER THAT Administration report back to Council following discussions with the property owner and receipt of the engineer's assessment.