

To: Royal Oak Residents
Cc: Council
From: Matthew Goudy, CAO
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RE: Paved Pathway at Royal Oak

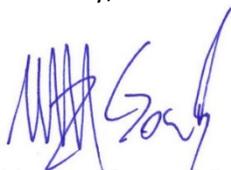
Thank you for your written concern regarding problems with the asphalt trail around the pond adjacent to Royal Oak Village. We have now assessed the trail's current condition and have looked at its construction and repair history.

The City overlaid about two thirds of the trail in this location with new asphalt in 2017 resulting in an excellent walking surface. The other third of the trail, however, remains in its original state, now about 20 years old. It has been crack-sealed to maintain a reasonable walking surface, but there have been further changes in four locations. Bulges 2-4 inches high have appeared in two places mid-path; these are abrupt and difficult to see. In two other places, drainage culverts installed at a shallow depth and patched over created "humps" across the path 4-6 inches high that would impede persons using mobility aids or those who require a level smooth surface for walking.

This summer, the City is assessing all City trails and sidewalks as the first step in compiling an Asset Management Plan. The City expects the trails assessment to be complete this summer and it will identify trail locations with urgent or high priority repair needs, so that projects can be planned and budget allocated as soon as possible. For now, Parks staff will mark the bulges and humps in the pond trail by Royal Oak Village with hi-vis orange asphalt paint to ensure they are at least visible and avoidable by persons using mobility aids or those who require a level smooth surface for walking.

Thank you again for expressing your concerns. We will update Village residents as soon as the City has an approved plan to fully rectify the condition problems at the pond trail.

Sincerely,



Matthew Goudy, P.Eng
Chief Administrative Officer