



Memorandum

TO: Aboriginal Education Council

FROM: Geoff Matthews, Director of Athletics & Recreation

DATE: February 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Nature Trails Expansion & Revitalization at Sutherland Campus

Fleming Athletics & Recreation Department is pleased to announce \$75,000.00 in matching grant money from Canada's 150 Community Infrastructure Program to expand and revitalize the Nature trails at Sutherland Campus. Total investment is \$150,000.00. This project will be completed in time for Fleming College's 50th Anniversary and provide a long term legacy for Canada's 150th celebrations and the Peterborough community.

Fleming College sits on Williams Treaty Land (1923), and is surrounded by four First Nations reserve communities. The expansion and revitalization project will allow Fleming College to improve the current trails conditions to the South and West part of the property in addition to fully connecting the trail route linking the College Campus to Recreation facilities, Residence and the surrounding community. (See attached Trail Map of outlining existing trails and expansion)

Aboriginal communities as well as the Student Administrative Council will be consulted throughout the project to highlight Aboriginal features throughout the trail network in addition to bringing an educational component. The trail head would be located at the tipi location on campus. All trails are open for public use that includes running, hiking, sightseeing, education and allow for Provincial and National Cross Country running championships.

The additional funding invested into the trails will increase the current 4.4km trail network to over 6.0km and more importantly increase accessibility for all users to enjoy the trails.

It is projected that construction will commence in the summer with the majority of the trails installed and revitalized prior to the students returning in September.

Sincerely,

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