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COMMUNITY TRAILS

Definitions

Community Trails are both a recreational facility and a non-vehicular traffic route. Community trails provide for a variety of recreational experiences, are universally accessible and are included in all land use designations throughout the city.

Standards

Community Trails shall be located throughout the City as identified in the Leisure Facilities Strategic Plan, Community Plans, Greenspace Management Plans, Kitchener Bikeway Study and Plans of Subdivision. The primary corridors for Community Trails are provided by hydro corridors, floodplains, stream courses, parks, stormwater management areas, abandoned railway lines, woodlands, wetlands and other natural areas.

Planning and Engineering:

Community Trails are a component of the urban infrastructure and are a requirement within all Plans of Subdivision.

Community Trails and the requirements to implement these facilities shall be considered in the preparation of:

- City of Kitchener Subdivision Manual
- Community Plans
- Greenspace Management Plans
- Environmental Impact Statements for Subdivisions
- Draft Plans of Subdivision
- Grading Control Plans for Subdivisions
- Subdivision Agreements

The planning, design, engineering and final grading of all Community Trail routes shall be provided by the developer in all Plans of Subdivision.

Trail Grading Requirements:

Grade:

- 5% preferred
- 8% maximum
- 20% maximum over distances of one meter or less

Cross Slope:

- 2% preferred
- 5% maximum
- 10% maximum over distances of one meter or less

Width:

- Rough grading 4.0 meters
- Trail Surface 3.0 meters

Excavation:

Existing soil topsoil shall be removed to a depth of 0.3 meters (300mm) to provide for surfacing material installation. Unsuitable soil shall be removed to additional depths as required and replaced with structural fill and compacted to 95% spd.

Excavation may be deleted in woodlands or other areas where damage to tree roots or other vegetation would occur. Filling only with trail surfacing is acceptable in these instances.

Drainage:

Concentrated surface runoff shall not be directed across or along the proposed trail surface. Swales or culverts shall be provided within the trail corridor.

Surfacing:

The sub-grade shall be compacted to 95% spd, except in woodlands. Granular base course of 50mm gravel to a depth of 200mm. Surface of recycled asphalt to a depth of 50mm or other surfacing as required for slope



conditions, including oil and chip, hot laid asphalt and boardwalks.

Erosion:

Re-vegetation of graded trail corridor shall be provided to prevent soil Erosion.

Accessibility by the physically challenged shall be considered in the location and grading of Community Trails. All trails need not be accessible to the physically challenged, but a representational experience of all natural areas must be provided to all trail users. Alternative routes shall be identified which are accessible to the physically challenged if the primary trail is not.

Vehicle Control Barriers:

Bollards and standard park gates are required at all intersections with roadways or other vehicle routes to control vehicle access and user safety.

Signage:

Standard post type signage is required at all roadway intersections.

Details:

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- Figure 16.6: Community Trail Metal Gate



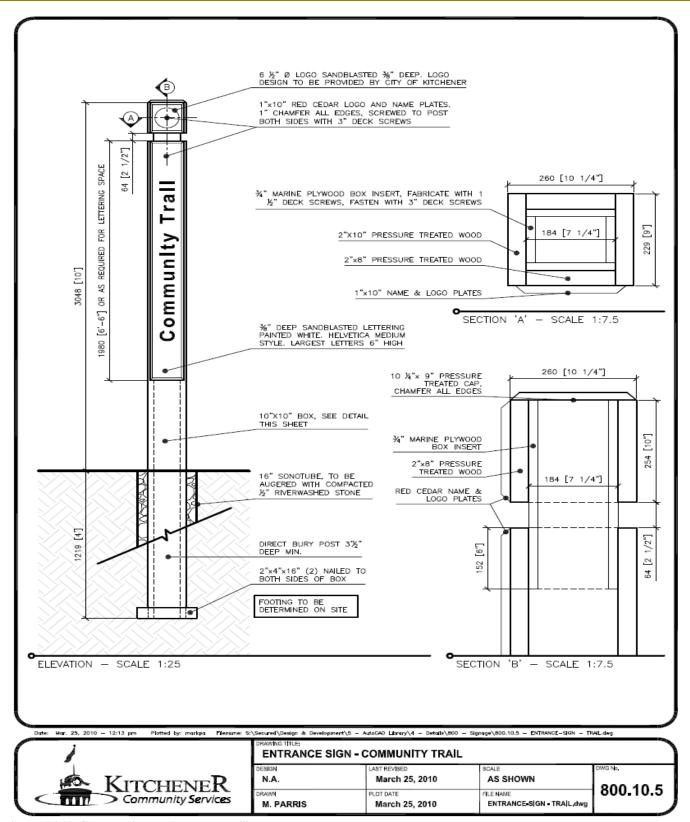


Figure 16.1: Community Trail Entrance Sign



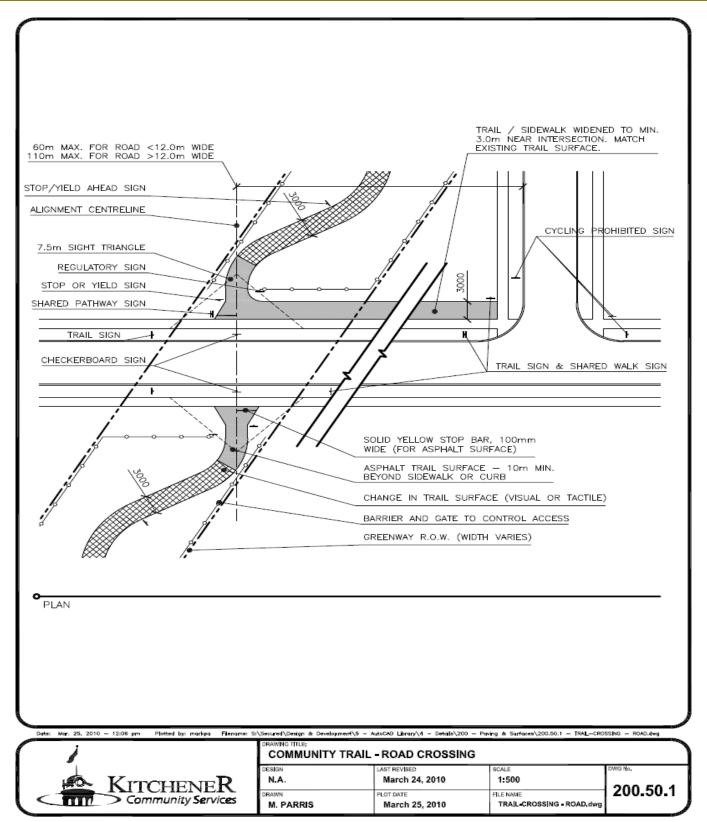


Figure 16.2: Community Trail Road Crossing



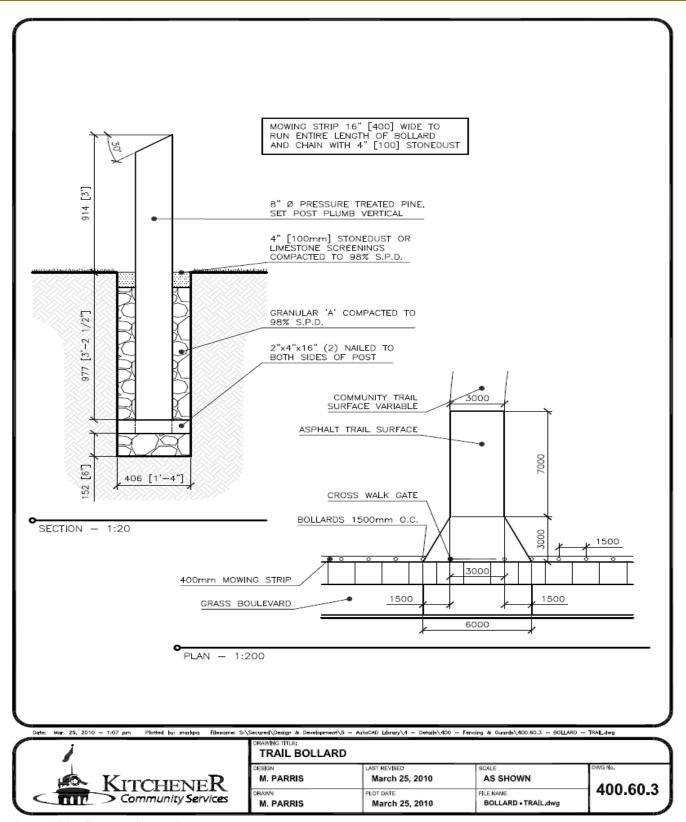


Figure 16.3: Community Trail Bollard



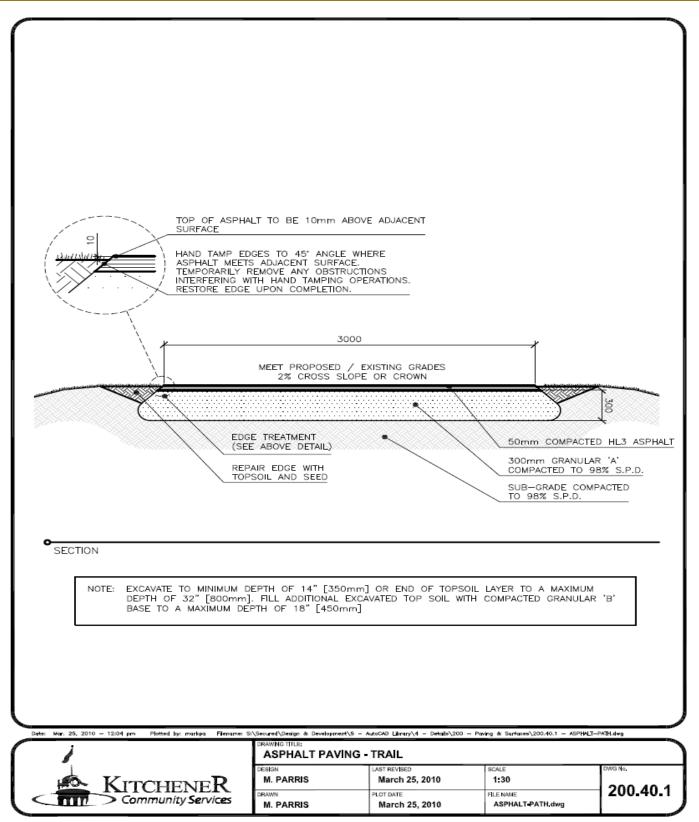


Figure 16.4: Community Trail Asphalt Paving



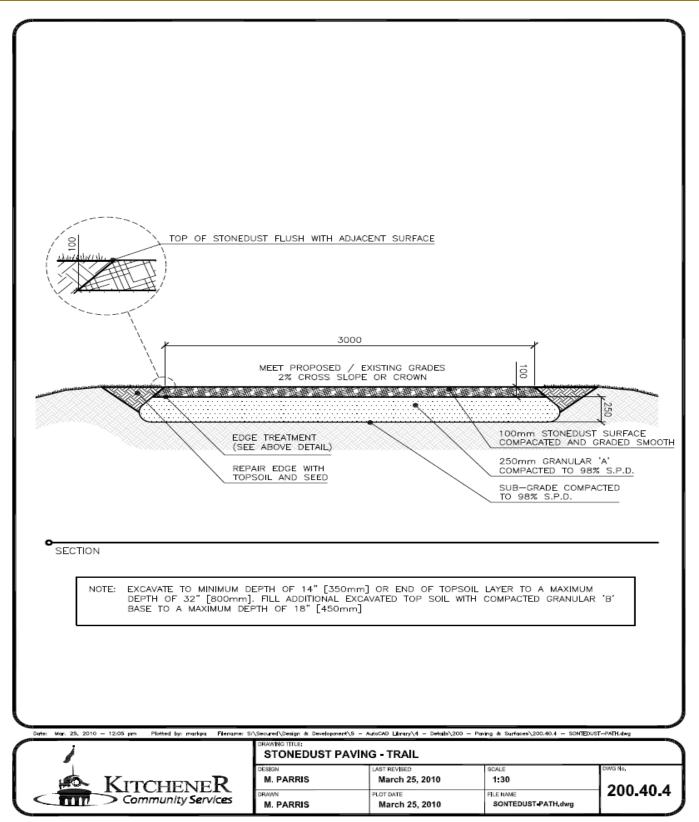


Figure 16.5: Community Trail Stonedust Paving



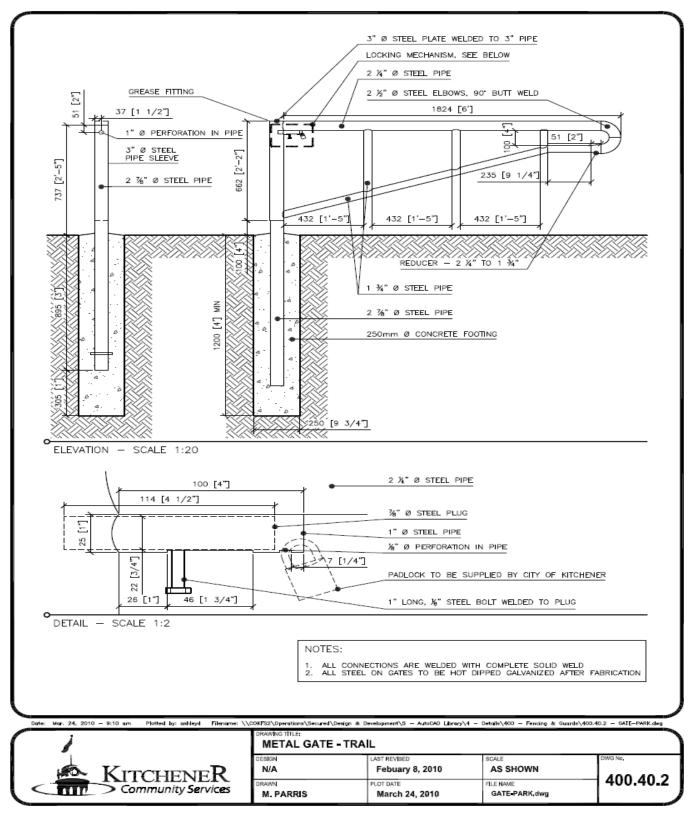


Figure 16.6: Community Trail Metal Gate