



# MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** August 4, 2015  
**CONSENT**  
**ITEM #6**  
**MOTION**

**AGENDA ITEM:** Approve Grant Application for Trail Grooming Reimbursement

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mike Bouthilet, Public Works Director

**THROUGH:** Cathy Bendel, Finance Director

**REVIEWED BY:** Cathy Bendel, Finance Director

**SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Introduction of Item ..... Interim City Administrator
- Report/Presentation.....Interim City Administrator
- Questions from Council to Staff ..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion ..... Mayor & City Council
- Discussion..... Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

**POLICY RECOMMENDER:** Public Works/Parks

**FISCAL IMPACT:** NA

**SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:** As part of its Consent Agenda, the City Council is asked to approve preparation and submission of a grant application to the Minnesota DNR for Trail Grooming Reimbursement. No specific motion is needed as this is recommended to be part of the overall approval of the *Consent Agenda*.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** For a number of years the City has been a participant in the Cross Country Ski Trail Assistance Program sponsored by the Minnesota DNR. This program allows for reimbursement of costs related to maintaining the ski trails. The proposed application would cover the 2015/2016 ski season.

**STAFF REPORT:** Each year the City of Lake Elmo has participated in the Cross Country Ski Trail Assistance Program for the trail system in Sunfish Lake Park. The fund allocations are driven by the number of participants in the program and the number of miles of trail being

maintained. The City has consistently received \$4,000-\$4,500 per year in grant funds to cover a portion of the costs related to the Cross Country trail maintenance in Sunfish Lake Park. A requirement of the application process is to attach a resolution providing City Council approval to sponsor the participation in the program.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Based on the aforementioned, staff recommends the City Council approve participation in the Cross Country Ski Trail Grant in Aid Program for the 2015/2016 season.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Resolution #2015-61