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Dear Mayor and Council,

I was pleased to read about the RMOW's recent purchase of 9561 Emerald Drive to provide access for those residents who are currently blocked from trails and swimming in the treasured green space behind this neighbourhood. Plus it's a nice bonus to be providing some employee housing at the same time. Well done on both counts!

One request please: Could the RMOW convene a community or neighbourhood workshop/meeting in the coming weeks to hear the suggestions and questions residents might have regarding this new access?

Over the years many Emerald residents have enjoyed these trails etc scores of times in all seasons, so no doubt folks will have questions and thoughts around signage, parking, garbage, managing fire risk etc. It would be great to see the RMOW take advantage of the available detailed local knowledge early enough in order to get the planning right the first time so that the neighbourhood and the RMOW are on the same wavelength when the RMOW is eventually able to make the new access actually happen.

All the best,

Johnny Mikes