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**To:** Budget Standing Committee

**From:** John Bellehumeur, Manager of Parks, Cemeteries,  
Forestry and Horticulture

**Date:** September 26, 2017

**Subject:** Park Benches - Merritt Trail

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This memo is in response to the Budget Standing Committee's request of staff to provide information regarding the feasibility of installing benches along the Merritt trail from Erion Road to Westchester Avenue.

The trail between these two points covers roughly four kilometres. The current Parks, Recreation and Culture Services (PRCS) standard is to place City benches approximately 500-600 metres apart. Therefore, there is adequate space for the placement of eight benches.

Benches must be installed by City staff and placed on a concrete pad. The approximate cost for a concrete pad is \$800 - \$1,200. Cost is dependent on location and size of the pad. For example, accessible pads are larger in size than a standard pad and therefore cost more.

PRCS recommends placing the standard bench style along the trail which is also used throughout other City parks and trails. The cost of a standard bench is \$874. In total, to place eight benches along the Merritt Trail, it would cost approximately \$13,392 - \$16,592 before taxes and delivery charges.

Best regards,

John Bellehumeur  
Manager of Parks, Cemeteries, Forestry and Horticulture