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**NOTICE OF
PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday
May 12, 2010
Regional District Board Room
175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC**

3:30 p.m.

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Director M. Dorey, Chair	Director G. Giles	Director D. Haywood
Director I. Morrison, Vice Chair	Director K. Kuhn	Director P. Kent
Director L. Duncan	Director K. Cossey	Director L. Iannidinardo,
Director B. Harrison		

Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC

PRESENT

Director Mel Dorey, Chair
Director Ian Morrison, Vice-Chair
Alternate Director Gerry Gutensohn
Director Loren Duncan
Director Gerry Giles
Director Brian Harrison
Director Lori Iannidinardo
Director Klaus Kuhn
Director Dave Haywood
Director Phil Kent

Absent: Director Ken Cossey

CVRD STAFF

Ron Austen, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks & Trails Division
Warren Jones, Administrator
Kate Miller, Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services
Mary Anne McAdam, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair noted changes to the agenda, which includes an add-on to Delegations – D-1; Staff Reports – R-1, and Information – IN-1 and IN-7 add-ons.

It was Moved and Seconded
That the agenda, as amended, be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

M1 - MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded
That the Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting of November 24, 2009, be amended as directed by the Chair, and further, that the amended Minutes be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no new business arising from the Minutes.

DELEGATIONS

D1 – Warrick Whitehead

Presentation from Warrick Whitehead regarding the Koksilah River Ancient Forest and the Koksilah Vision.

Slide presentation of the Ancient Forest and an overview of the Koksilah Vision.

Mr. Whitehead advised that on February 11th he noted new logging boundary ribbons and road location markers were discovered on the trail leading to the

Ancient Forest. Phone calls and e-mails from Mr. Whitehead to TimberWest resulted in a letter from Kurt Taylor, Vice-president of Sales and Marketing, Couverdon Real Estate, advising him that they would hold off harvesting activities in the identified Block east of the Ancient Forest until Mr. Whitehead had presented to the Parks Committee his Koksilah River Vision to protect the Ancient Forest lands and other lands downstream to the existing Koksilah River Provincial Park.

Based on his discussions with the Ministry, Mr. Whitehead noted that the provincial government does not, at this time, have a monetary commitment for the acquisition of this parcel. This property is extremely important to the integrity of the whole process in providing a link between the Koksilah River Ancient Forest and downstream properties that will provide access to it.

Requested the support of the CVRD in this process to secure lands identified in his Koksilah River Vision as presented.

It was Moved and Seconded:

That agenda item D-1 be referred to Closed Session.

MOTION CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Forests and TimberWest, respectfully requesting that any harvesting considerations within the vicinity of the Koksilah Ancient Forest and the upper Koksilah River Corridor be held in abeyance whilst consideration be given for potential acquisition of these lands for parks and conservation purposes.

MOTION CARRIED

D2 – Larry Olsen

Presentation from Larry Olsen of the Cowichan Valley ATV Club to further safe and responsible off-road recreational opportunities in the Cowichan Valley.

It was Moved and Seconded

That staff be directed to prepare a background report on the issues raised in the presentation by the Cowichan Valley ATV Club for Committee consideration to a future meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

R1 – Vancouver Island Spine – 2009 Report

Staff Report from Brian Farquhar, Parks and Trails Manager, regarding Vancouver Island Spine – 2009 Report.

It was Moved and Seconded

That this report be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

**R2 – Hillcrest Road
Access to Chemainus
River Park**

Staff Report from Staff Report from Ryan Dias, Parks Operations Superintendent, regarding Hillcrest Road Access to Chemainus River Park.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Committee endorse the proposed action plan to establish a public access control point on Hillcrest Road in partnership with the Ministry of Forests and other major landowners to address the problems of illegal access, trespass, vandalism, fires, garbage dumping and illegal camping occurring on lands along this forestry road, including Chemainus River Park.

MOTION CARRIED

**R3 – Island Corridor
Foundation Workshop**

Staff Report from Dan Brown, Parks and Trails Technician, regarding Island Corridor Foundation Workshop – “Boats, Trains, Planes – Inviting the World to Visit and Say”.

It was Moved and Seconded

That this report be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

**R4 – Cowichan Valley
Trail Completion
Initiative –
Winter/Spring 2010
Update**

Staff Report from Dan Brown, Parks and Trails Technician, regarding Cowichan Valley Trail Completion Initiative – Winter/Spring 2010 Update.

It was Moved and Seconded

That this report be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION

IN1

Three letters of support regarding Koksilah River Ancient Forest and River Recreation Area Vision

IN2

Correspondence from Trails BC President, Al Skucas, regarding motorized use of the Trans Canada Trail

IN3

Correspondence from Cowichan Valley ATV Club President, Larry Olsen, in response to Trails Canada Letter from Al Skucas

IN4

Correspondence from Trans Canada Trail National Director, Tim Hoskin, regarding motorized use of the Trans Canada Trail

IN5

Letter of appreciation from Susan Beaubier regarding Cowichan Valley Trail between Crozier and Henry Roads in Chemainus, and response from CVRD Chair, Gerry Giles

IN6

Correspondence from Doug Orr regarding bicycle transportation network in the Cowichan Valley, and response from CVRD Chair, Gerry Giles

IN7

Chronological newspaper articles, e-mails and letters regarding motorized use of the Cowichan Valley Trail (TransCanada Trail)

It was Moved and Seconded
That Information items I-1 to 1-7 be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS There was no new business

PUBLIC QUESTIONS No questions from the public.

CLOSED SESSION It was Moved and Seconded (4:55 p.m.)
That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Part 4, Division 3, Section 90(1), Subsections as noted in accordance with each agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee moved into closed session at 4:55 p.m.

RISE The Committee rose and reported as follows:

It was Moved and Seconded
That staff proceed with arranging a tour of the Koksilah Ancient Forest for members of the Parks Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING To be held Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT It was Moved and Seconded
That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary



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STAFF REPORT**PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
OF MAY 12, 2010**

DATE: May 6, 2010

FROM: Brian Farquhar, Manager Parks and Trails, Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

SUBJECT: Vancouver Island Spine Relay Event

Recommendation:

That the Vancouver Island Spine Relay in June 2010 be endorsed, inclusive of the use of the Cowichan Valley Trail June 24th and 25th, for hikers/runners and equestrians involved with the length of Vancouver Island promotional event.

Purpose:

To advise of the request for support and invitation to participate in celebrating the Vancouver Island Spine Relay Event which is planned to run the length of the Island from Saturday June 5th starting in Cape Scott and ending in Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, on Sunday June 27th.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Interdepartmental/Agency Implications:

The event involves support from communities, local governments, the Province and private landowners the length of Vancouver Island.

Background:

The Parks Committee was previously informed of the Vancouver Island Spine initiative to establish a hiking trail the length of Vancouver Island. As a fundraising and promotional event for 2010, the Vancouver Island Spine Trail Association is organizing a multi-day relay for hikers/runners, mountain bikers and equestrians along the length of the proposed/existing trail route in June. The Association is contacting local communities along the length of the route requesting endorsement of the event and extending invitations to local government officials to join in "Community Day" celebrations at planned locations (see attachment).

For the part of the route within the Cowichan Region, the organizers are requesting the use of the Cowichan Valley Trail between the Town of Lake Cowichan and the south end of Shawnigan Lake. For the part of the Cowichan Valley Trail through Cowichan River Provincial Park, the organizers are expected to obtain separate endorsement from the Province. As noted in the attachment, a portion of the relay route also includes the "Runners Trail" in Alberni-Clayoquot

Regional District, which is a separate trail initiative by ACRD in partnership with other groups/local First Nations to work towards connecting Alberni Inlet with Cowichan Lake with a hiking trail.

A “Community Day” celebration, as part of the event, is planned for Saywell Park in the Town of Lake Cowichan on June 24th, with the event organizers extending invitations to members of the CVRD Board to participate. Details of the planned activities for the day are not yet available, however information is being updated on the VI Spine website at www.vispine.ca

Submitted by,



Brian Farquhar
Manager Parks and Trails
Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

BTF/mca
Attachment

(Received by e-mail April 19, 2010)

Chair Gerry Giles and the Board of the CVRD

Dear Ms. Giles,

On May 15th, we met with your Brian Farquhar and Dan Brown to discuss the routing of the VI Spine Relay through the CVRD region. We thank them for their suggestions. We would like to invite you and members of the Board to participate in the "community day" planned for Lake Cowichan's Saywell Park and the Trans Canada Trail on June 24th.

The Vancouver Island "Spine" Trail is a project to connect several existing trails into a continuous, wilderness, non-motorized, recreational facility available to all residents and an attraction to tourism.

The Trail will connect Cape Scott to Victoria via a wilderness route, passing by numerous communities. When completed, the trail will be over 700km long. Currently, 190km is already built or planned through Provincial Parks and the Trans Canada Trail. A notable addition in 2010 will be the 20km "Runner's Trail" between Alberni Inlet and Francis Lake (part way to Lake Cowichan) along the (1913) historical Canadian Northern Pacific Railway (CNPR). This is being constructed by the Tseshaht First Nation as lead agency. And as you know, the CRD and CVRD are planning a major section between Victoria and Shawnigan Lake in 2011.

For others who wish to learn more about the VI Spine Trail and the 2010 Relay you can refer them to the following website: www.vispine.ca

The kick-off public event for the Trail development will be a three-week Relay in June 2010 that will see groups of individuals hiking, running, cycling, mountain biking and horseback riding from Cape Scott to Victoria.

We would be happy to have your support for this Relay, as it will include a number of "community days" with events for the general public, and particularly a celebration of trails in general, and the VI Spine in particular, on June 24th, at Saywell Park. We would ask that you advise local media of the event, and we will provide draft news releases in April and early June. Please correspond with this Email address if there are any questions needing resolution. [vispine@vispine.ca]

We left a number of posters that you can use for promoting the event. The Community Day will include a walk with local school children, community leaders and core athletes from the VI Spine Relay, probably along the westerly end of the Trans Canada Trail (also our route for continuation of the Relay). We are planning to have significant media at the Community Event, involvement of local businesses and donated food and refreshments. We would welcome suggestions about schools and other groups that might be induced to attend this celebration.

Lake Cowichan will be the end of a biking section from the west, and the start of a running segment to the east. We will funnel all information related to our project through your Brian Farquhar. If you have questions about the Relay in particular, contact Andrew Pape-Salmon, our Relay Chairperson, andrewps@shaw.ca or Tel. 250 592 7017.

Thank you again for helping to make this Island-long trail into a world class recreation facility.

Sincerely, Gil Parker

Vancouver Island Spine Trail Ass'n
325 Irving Road
Victoria, B.C., V8S 4A1

Vancouver Island Spine Trail

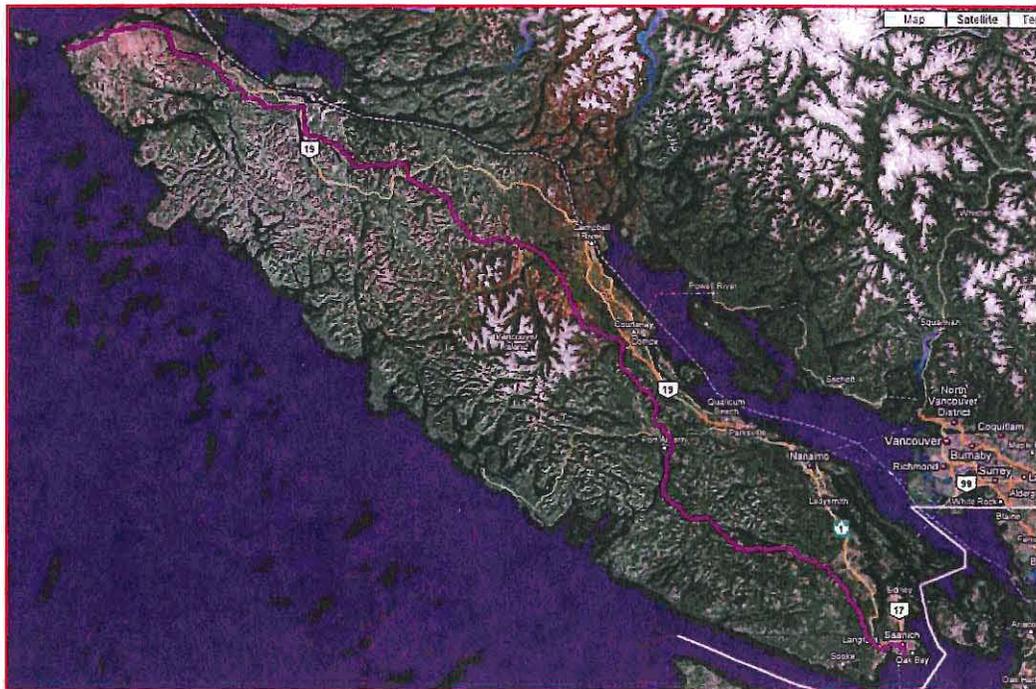
The relay is intended to promote the Vancouver Island (VI) Spine Trail project that will connect Cape Scott to Victoria via a wilderness route, passing by numerous communities. When completed, the trail will be over 700 km long. Currently, 190km is already built or planned through Provincial Parks and the Trans Canada Trail. See the map below for a representation of the trail.

You can learn more about the Trail at the following website: www.vispine.ca

A notable addition in 2010 is the 20km "Runner's Trail" between Alberni Inlet and Frances Lake, constructed by the Tseshaht First Nation. This is part of a connector between Port Alberni and Lake Cowichan along the (1913) historical Canadian Northern Pacific Railway (CNPR).

The Capital Regional District and the Cowichan Valley Regional District are planning to complete the section between Shawnigan Lake and Langford in 2011, completing the Trans Canada Trail that will extend from Swartz Bay to Lake Cowichan.

The VI Spine Trail project is supported by most outdoor clubs, local governments, First Nations, provincial and federal representatives on Vancouver Island. Endorsements are noted on the website under the "Implementation" page.





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STAFF REPORT**PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
OF MAY 12, 2010**

DATE: May 12, 2010

FROM: Dan Brown, Parks Trails Technician, Parks and Trails Division
Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

SUBJECT: 2010 Regional Parks Major and Minor Capital Projects List

Recommendation:

That the Committee adopt the 2010 Regional Major and Minor Capital Work Program revised Schedule for Regional Parks as the order and priority list for undertaking completion of capital project work approved in the 2010 budget.

Purpose:

To request Committee adoption of the 2010 Regional Major and Minor Capital Work Program Schedule for Regional Parks as the basis for undertaking completion of capital project work approved in the 2010 budget.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Interdepartmental/Agency Implications:

N/A

Background:

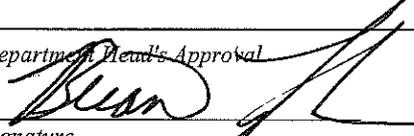
The projects listed on the 2010 Regional Parks Major and Minor Capital Program are funded in the approved 2010 Regional Parks Budget, with funding provided through approved grant programs and requisition. The Cowichan Valley Trail Major Capital Project is a continual project, the schedule being dictated by grant funding deadlines, government regulations, and site conditions. The minor capital projects are determined through Parks staff observations during park inspections, Parks Committee input, maintenance requirements, and health, safety, and security management (e.g. Hogweed removal, Osborne Bay Landslide Mitigation).

The Committee is requested to consider adoption of the attached schedule as the basis for completing the Regional Parks Major and Minor capital project work for 2010. A regular report will be provided to the Committee advising of the progress in completing the projects listed in the Major and Minor Capital Projects Schedule through the year, including any future requests for major changes, additions or deletions to the order and prioritization of the project work schedule that require consideration and approval of the Committee.

Submitted by,



Dan Brown
Parks Trails Technician
Parks and Trails Division
Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

<p><i>Department Head's Approval</i></p>  <p><i>Signature</i></p>

DB/mca
Attachment

PARKS & TRAILS DIVISION

2010 REGIONAL PARKS MAJOR & MINOR CAPITAL PROGRAM

Last Updated: MAY 3, 2010

	PARK/ SITE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	2010 OPERATING BUDGET	MINOR CAPITAL BUDGET	MAJOR CAPITAL BUDGET	GRANT FUNDS
WINTER	Jan-March					
	CVT	Various Improvements to fiscal year end				\$ 131,000.00
SPRING	April - June					
	Osborne Bay Park	Landslide Remediation	\$ 2,500.00			
	CVT	Tender #1 - Chemainus to Ladysmith			\$ 62,000.00	\$ 570,000.00
	CVT	Tender #2 - Lake Cowichan-Duncan			\$ 44,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
	CVT	Brushing - Round 1	\$ 2,500.00			
	CVT	Hogweed Removal - Round 1	\$ 1,500.00			
	CVT	Hogweed Management Plan		\$ 2,000.00		
	CVT	Rowe Road Armouring		\$ 1,500.00		
	CVT	Kinsol North Armouring		\$ 2,000.00		
	CVT	CVT Staging Area Parking Lot Upgrades		\$ 6,000.00		
	Chemainus River	Caretaker Startup Costs		\$ 10,000.00		
	CVT	Sooke Lake Road to Butler Road Trail Upgrades		\$ 20,000.00		
SUMMER	July-August					
	CVT	Tender #3 - Bings Creek Bridge and Approaches			\$ 13,500.00	\$ 80,000.00
	CVT	Tender #4 - Bush Creek Bridge and Ladysmith to RDN			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 135,000.00
	CVT	McGee Creek Bridge Assessment		\$ 1,500.00		
	CVT	Brushing - Round 2	\$ 2,500.00			
	CVT	Hogweed Removal - Round 2	\$ 1,500.00			
	CHM	Updated Main Kiosk Map and Sign	\$ 750.00			
	CHM	Small map kiosks (2) at key trail intersections	\$ 1,000.00			
	CHM	Navigational Trail Signage - Phase 2	\$ 2,000.00			
FALL	Sept - Dec					
PROJECT TIMELINES/AND OR DETAILS UNDEFINED - or pushed to 2010 due to low priority						
	Tender #6	Waterline Route			\$ 34,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS TOTAL			\$ 14,250.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 173,500.00	\$ 1,336,000.00

Total Major Capital \$173,500.00

Total Minor Capital \$43,000.00

Total Grant Funding \$1,336,000.00

Total Regional Major and Minor Capital \$1,566,750.00

2010 CAPITAL PROGRAM SUMMARY



STAFF REPORT

PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 12, 2010

DATE: May 6, 2010

FROM: Brian Farquhar, Manager Parks and Trails, Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

SUBJECT: Cowichan Valley Competitive Trail Ride Request – Cowichan Valley Trail

Recommendation:

That the Parks Committee approve use of sections of the Cowichan Valley Trail between the Waters Road area in Glenora and the trail section south of Mountain Road by the BC Competitive Trail Ride Association for an organized equestrian competitive ride event the weekend of July 3rd and 4th, 2010.

Purpose:

To inform the Committee of a request for the use of portions of the Cowichan Valley Trail for a sanctioned equestrian trail ride event for upwards of 45 riders during the proposed two days on July 3rd and 4th, 2010.

Financial Implications:

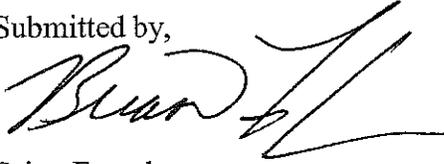
N/A

Background:

The BC Trail Riders Association is again requesting use of portions of the Cowichan Valley Trail between the Glenora area and just north of the Kinsol Trestle for a sanctioned competitive ride event during the July 3rd/4th weekend. As noted in the attached proposal request, the use of the Cowichan Valley Trail is only a portion of the longer trail ride routes proposed by the organization, which also encompasses private lands for which the organizers are also obtaining permissions from private land owners (see attachment). The event will be staged from a property located on Marshall Road adjacent the Cowichan Valley Trail. The event includes three levels of competitive rides, all of which will use a portion of the trail. The pace of the ride is based on distance and endurance, not speed, as horses are not allowed to exceed 7mph. Each rider is required to carry personal insurance through the Horse Council of BC in order to participate, in addition to event insurance held by the organizers. If the event is approved for use of the Cowichan Valley Trail, the Regional District will also require indemnification insurance with the CVRD added as a named insured.

There has not been issues with the past event use of the Cowichan Valley Trail by the BC Competitive Trail Riders Association with respect to the annual Cowichan Valley Competitive Trail Ride and there are no anticipated conflicts with the proposed event this year other than the trail section immediately north of the Kinsol Trestle (from Riverside Road south) will be closed due to rehabilitation works underway on the Kinsol Trestle.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Farquhar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brian Farquhar
Manager, Parks and Trails
Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

BTF/mca
Attachments

Cowichan Valley Competitive Trail Ride

C/O Barbara Smith,
Box 68, Coombs V0R 1M0

APR 30 2010
April 30, 2010

Cowichan Valley Regional District
175 Ingram Street
Duncan, B.C.
V9L 1N8

Dear Sirs:

This year on **the weekend of July 3 & 4 2010** we will be holding a B.C. Competitive Trail Riders Association (BCCTRA) sanctioned ride. This will be a one and one half day event and the Ride will cover about 38 miles of trails. We are writing this letter to formally request permission to use CRVD land. The trails that will be used are mainly the Trans Canada Trail south to the Jack Fleetwood trail and north through Island Timberland land and private property. All landowners will be notified and must give permission before we use the trails on their land. Our Ride site is Twincreeks Farm owned by Deborah Flinn at 4820 Marshall Road. A number of Riders will be camping there on Saturday night and may even stay an additional night. Riders will be expected to be competing on the trails early Sunday with a 7:30 am start so their horses will need to be prejudged Saturday evening.

The main objective of Competitive Trail Riding is to work all of the horses over an identical trail in the same length of time, thereby having a basis of fair comparison for determining the horse's soundness, conditioning and manners. This is not a race like Endurance Riding; the pace is at the horse's walk and trot. Both children and adults are welcome to ride Level I (18 miles at a maximum speed of 5 mph), Level II of 28 miles at a maximum speed of 6.5 mph and Level III at approximately 38 miles at a maximum speed of 7 mph. This is the sixth time we have held this Event in the Duncan/Glenora area. Unfortunately last year's ride was cancelled due to the extreme forest fire hazard.

We require 15 volunteers along with 2 Veterinarian Judges for the 45 Riders expected. B.C. Competitive Trail Riders Association and Horse Council of B.C. covers us with the necessary 5 million dollar third party liability insurance. Each Rider also carries separate insurance through Horse Council of BC. We are making arrangements to have St. John's Ambulance attendant at the Ride site on the day of the ride.

We enclose the 3 ride maps used for the 2008 Ride. We expect to use a similar route this year. Although a fee is being charged the Riders, this hopefully will cover our out of pocket expenses. Any profit is returned to our non profit Society to promote the sport of long distance riding. More information can be found at www.bctr.ca/

Please contact me, the Ride Manager, at 250-248-6785 or email at bmith@shaw.ca. The Trails Manager is Michele Balme who can be reached at 250-743-6192. We wish to minimize the passage of the horses over your land and will direct the Riders wherever you determine. Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly

BARBARA SMITH



Cowichan Valley Competitive Trail Ride

July 3 & 4, 2010

Duncan (Glenora), Vancouver Island

Sanctioned by BC Competitive Trail Riders Association

Ride Manager: Barbara Smith
Trail Manager: Michele Balme

Ride Site:

Twin Creeks Farm
4820 Marshall Road
Duncan B.C 250 746-8765
www.twincreeks.ca/

Directions to Twincreeks Farm:

From Up island: Go through Duncan, across the Silver Bridge, turn right at the 2nd set of traffic lights after the bridge.

This is Allenby Road. Proceed to the end of Allenby Road for approximately 3 miles to the Glenora Store and Community Hall. Continue in the same direction crossing Glenora Road at the 4 Way stop. You are now on Marshall Road and Glenora Hall should be on your right continue on Marshall road passing the private logging road on the right then crossing Cavin Road.
From Down Island: If coming from the south (Victoria) turn left on Allenby Road at the 1st set of traffic lights on the south side of Duncan and follow the directions to the Ride Site above.

- This is the sixth Competitive Trail Ride in this area.
- All BCCTRA Rules apply. All competitors are to be familiar with the BCCTRA Rule Book. BCCTRA Rules are on the website at www.bcctra.ca/rulebook.html
- All competitors to be **ON SITE** for the Pre-Ride Vetting Saturday July 3, 2010. Vetting will begin approx. 4:00 p.m.
- Ride Briefings for **ALL** Levels will take place at 7:30 p.m. or so Saturday night. Local competitors may return home if necessary.
- All riders will be allotted a Time-Out time on July 3 for Ride Day on July 4, 2010.
- There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday night - please bring enough food to feed 6 to 8 people.
- Zero tolerance smoking rules apply. Any person smoking either at the Ride site or on the trails will be disqualified from competition.
- Coffee, tea, juice, muffins & donuts will be available for breakfast on the Ride Day.
- Camping for trucks, trailers, horses and pens. - Stabling may be supplied Deborah Flinn at 250 746-8769 or twincreeks@shaw.ca and must be arranged ahead of time.
- Sunday Dinner after the Ride will be supplied by Mr. Tube Steak for the contestants and volunteers only. Family and friends will have to pay \$5.50 per person for their food.
- Mandatory Weigh-In for Weight Divisions (LW & HW) junior riders exempt. Lightweight less than 180 lbs. Heavyweight over 180 lbs.
- Junior riders are 16 yrs and under as of January 1st, 2010. An adult competitor must accompany juniors on the trail.
- All dogs must be on leashes at all times.
- This Ride will be full with 45 entries, so enter early.

Riders must be a member of HCBC to compete. ALL Riders must wear a helmet at all times when mounted or will be disqualified.

Entry Fees:

Entry cut-off is June 28, 2010
BCCTRA Senior Members: \$65.00
(non-members add \$10.00)
BCCTRA Juniors Members: \$50.00
(non-members add \$10.00)

Any entries after June 28th will be charged a \$10 late filing fee.

Contact Barbara for more info:
Cheques to be made payable & mailed to:

Barbara Smith
Box 68 Coombs, VOR 1M0
250 248-6785 bmith@shaw.ca



CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE For Equine Association CLUBS

100-1500 HARDY STREET, KELOWNA, B.C. V1Y 8H2 PHONE (250) 860-2426 FAX (250) 860-1213

**NAMED INSURED: BC Competitive Trail Riders Association
5735 Takala Rd, Ladysmith, BC V9G 1M2**

Insurance coverage is in effect from 12:01 am **03/08/10** (mm/dd/yy) until **01/01/11** (mm/dd/yy) for the Named Insured as follows:
COVERAGE PROVIDED ONLY FOR THOSE ITEMS MARKED WITH AN (X)'.

- (X) \$5,000,000 Commercial General Liability for club activities & shows including Injury to Participants.
- (N/A) Liability is extended to the ownership or leasing of land and buildings, and the operation or maintenance of equine facilities year round that include
(n/a) boarding of up to 10 non-owned horses; OR (n/a) boarding of 11 to 15 non-owned horses;
- (X) \$5,000,000 Non-Owned Automobile
- (X) \$1,000,000 Tenants Legal Liability for any rented premises.
- (X) \$1,000,000 Forest Fire Fighting Expense
- (X) Care, Custody and Control of Non-Owned horses
Maximum limit of liability for any one horse \$10,000.
Maximum Liability any one loss involving more than one horse \$100,000.
- (X) \$2,000 Club Money & Securities of the Named Insured. (\$500. Deductible)
- (X) \$10,000 Commercial Property of the Named Insured excluding buildings and permanent structures. (\$500. Deductible)
- (N/A) Liability is extended to cover the Subgroup(s) and/or Regional Group(s) as per attached Addendum.
- (X) The following are covered as Additional Insureds:
 - 1) Owners of private or public land, but only with respect to losses arising out of the activities of the Named Insured, and;
 - 2) Volunteers, employees and casual labour of the Named Insured, and;
 - 3) Instructors at club hosted clinics or seminars, and;
 - 4) Any person acting in an official capacity with respect to a competition being hosted by the Named Insured, such as but not limited to officials, judges, stewards or course designers with respect to losses arising out of their official duties that are part of the activities involved with or necessary to the competition.
 - 5) Equine Canada with respect to the operations of shows or competitions that have received permit or sanction from an Equine Association insured by this policy.
 - 6) Any person acting as a volunteer or supplier of goods, materials or services other than alcoholic beverages or animals for a competition or show being hosted by a Member of an Equine Association insured by this policy, with respect to losses arising out of such duties, goods, materials or services that are part of the activities involved with or necessary to the competition or show.

****ALL LIABILITY CLAIMS FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARE SUBJECT TO A \$1,000.00 DEDUCTIBLE****

TOTAL PREMIUM: \$325.00

RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS:

- 1) Coverage is void if the Named Insured and its active riding members are not current members in good standing with their Provincial Association who is also insured under this policy.
- 2) The coverage is restricted to losses arising solely from the activities of the Named Insured as declared on the application for insurance submitted to Capri Insurance Services Ltd.
- 3) The coverage excludes the ownership or leasing of land and buildings, and the operation or maintenance of equine facilities for more than 15 consecutive days unless otherwise stated on this certificate.
- 4) The coverage excludes all "Commercial Use" of an equine such as but not limited to short term rental. The coverage excludes pari-mutuel racing, "Unsanctioned Racing Activity", "Horse Pulling" and instruction by other than an instructor who is experienced in the particular discipline being taught.
- 5) The coverage excludes bodily injury or property damage resulting from the sale of alcohol at fund raising events. The coverage excludes bodily injury to a "Rodeo Participant".
- 6) With respect to Clubs, the boarding of an equine and the instruction by an experienced competent instructor shall not be deemed to be commercial use.
- 7) With respect to Clubs, fund raising activities shall not be deemed to be commercial use of a horse provided the fund raising activity does not involve offering trail rides or pony rides to the public.
- 8) With respect to Clubs the use of an equine, for equine shows or competitions shall not be deemed commercial use.

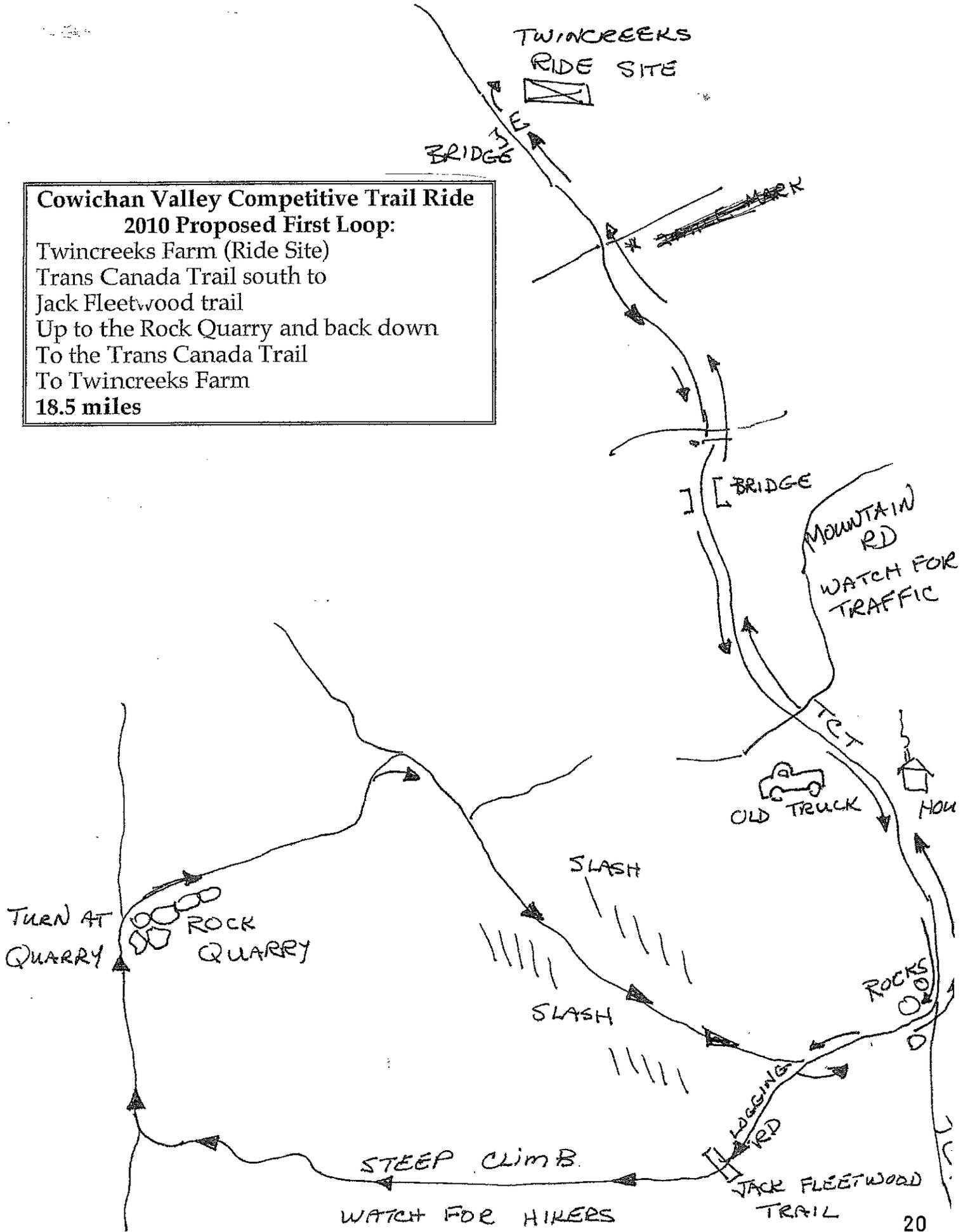
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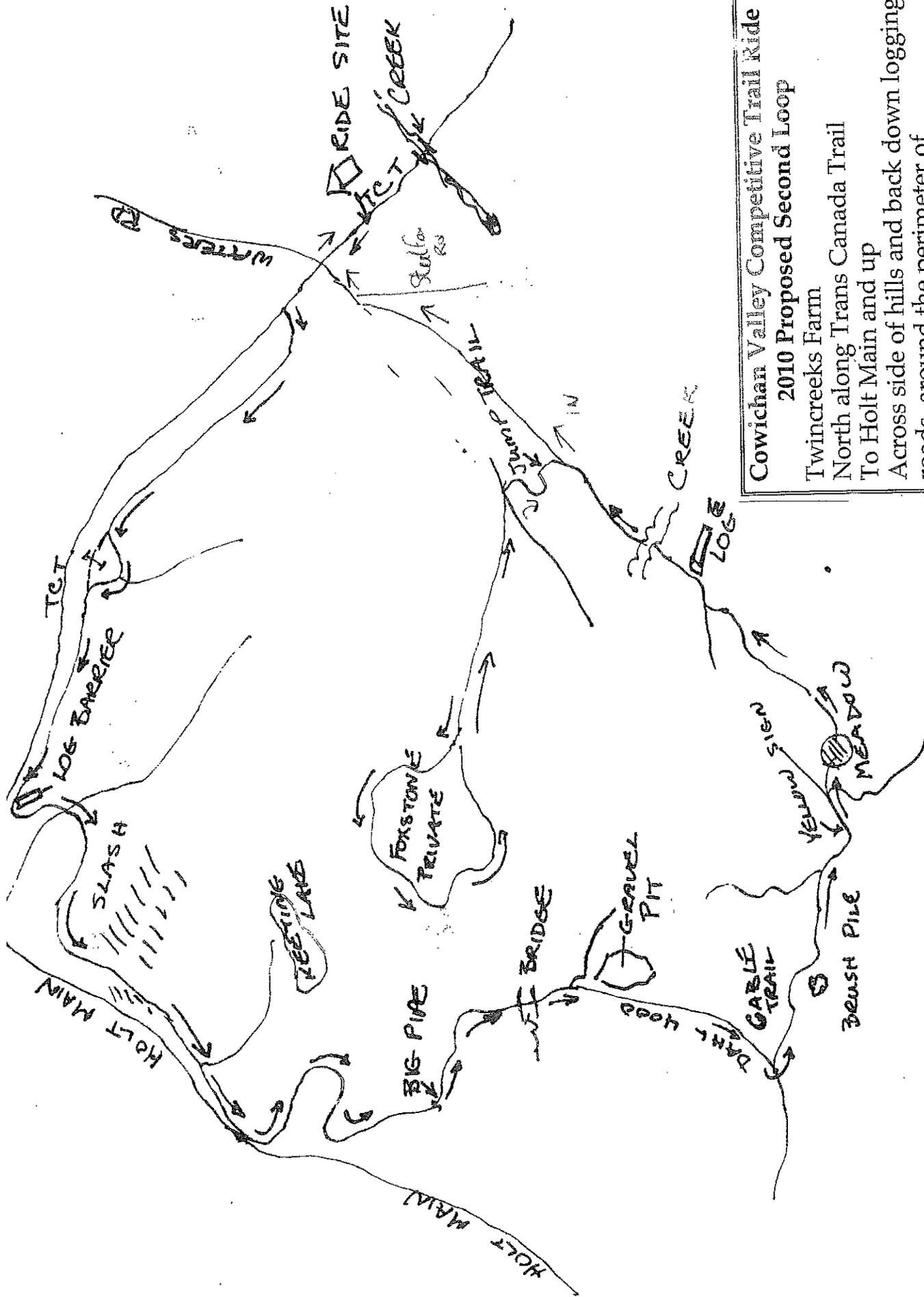
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THIS POLICY CONTAINS A CLAUSE(S) WHICH MAY LIMIT THE AMOUNT PAYABLE.

**Cowichan Valley Competitive Trail Ride
2010 Proposed First Loop:**

Twincreeks Farm (Ride Site)
 Trans Canada Trail south to
 Jack Fleetwood trail
 Up to the Rock Quarry and back down
 To the Trans Canada Trail
 To Twincreeks Farm
18.5 miles





Cowichan Valley Competitive Trail Ride
2010 Proposed Second Loop
 Twincreeks Farm
 North along Trans Canada Trail
 To Holt Main and up
 Across side of hills and back down logging
 roads, around the perimeter of
 Foxstone Stables, to Waters Road and
 Back to Twincreeks Farm
18.25 miles

Cowichan Valley Competitive Trail Ride

2010 Proposed Third Loop

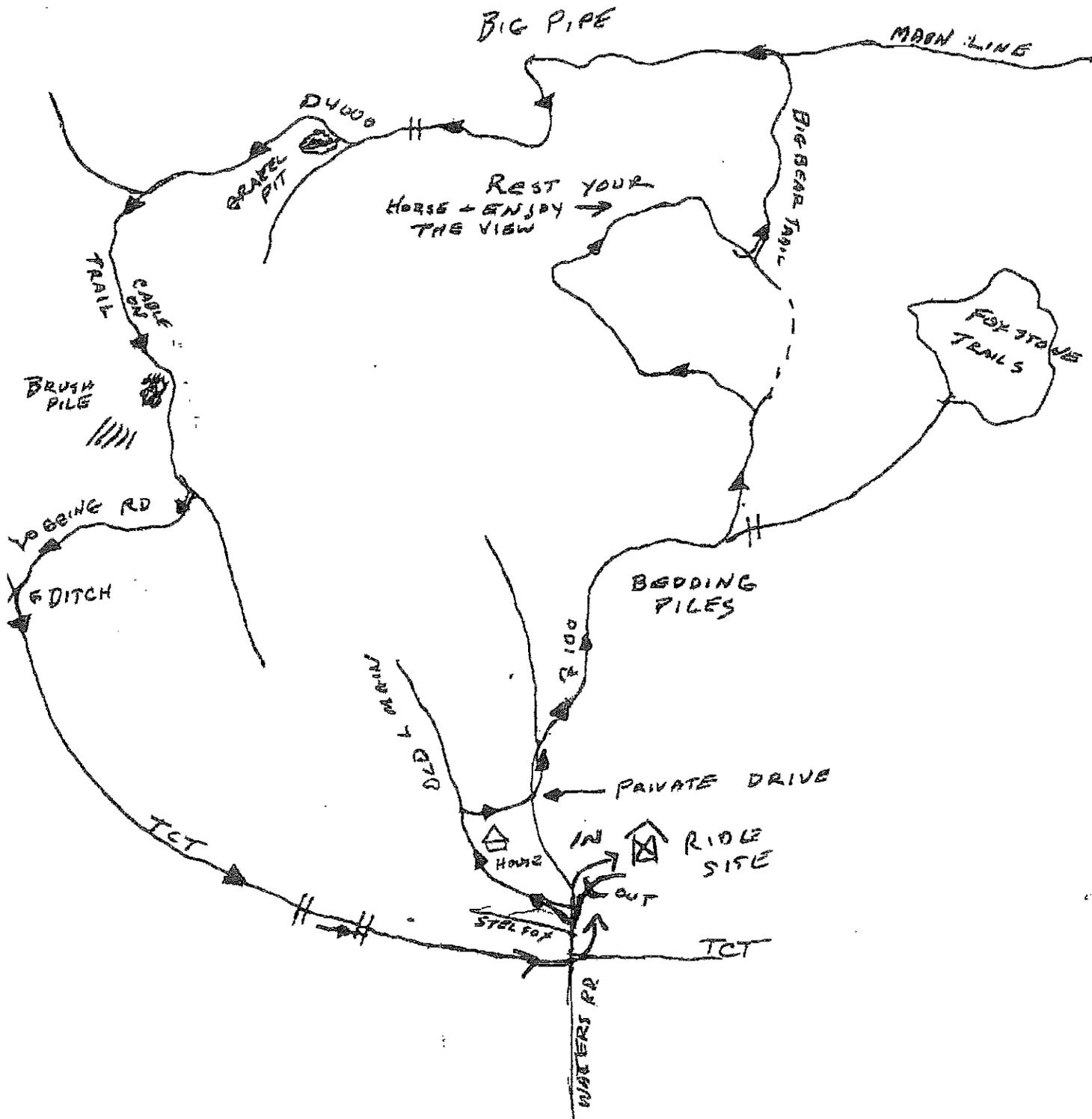
Twincreeks Farm to Waters Road

Up to Hill and Holt Main Line

Back down to Trans Canada Trail

And to Twincreeks Farm

7.5 miles





STAFF REPORT

PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 12, 2010

DATE: May 12, 2010
FROM: Dan Brown, Parks Trails Technician, Parks, Recreation and Culture Department
SUBJECT: Cowichan Valley Trail Completion Initiative – Spring 2010 Update

Recommendation:

This report is received for information purposes.

Purpose:

To inform the Parks Committee on the progress of the Cowichan Valley Trail initiative.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Background:

Exciting times are ahead for the Cowichan Valley Trail initiative in 2010/2011. The significant amount of grant funding available to CVRD Parks is ready to be spent and will facilitate large gains in trail from Lake Cowichan to Duncan and from Duncan to Nanaimo. Upon completion of 2010/2011 work, trail users will be able to travel on an established off/on road trail from South Shawnigan to the Regional District of Nanaimo, not only connecting two regional districts, but several communities, towns, and districts within the Cowichan Valley itself.

Please see below for progress and upcoming developments on the sections of future Cowichan Valley Trail currently seeing large scale improvements:

A. Lake Cowichan to Duncan

In March, all road crossings between Duncan and Lake Cowichan were upgraded. These upgrades included installation of removable bollards and large rock to prevent unauthorized vehicle access as well as placement of finishing material. Additionally, well used unofficial access points were blocked to prevent unauthorized vehicles from accessing the trail. These sites will be continually monitored throughout the summer and further upgrades will be performed as required.



Chinese Cemetery Road Crossing Access Control

In late April, an Invitation to Quote for further upgrades to the trail between Lake Cowichan and Duncan was issued to local contractors. This ITQ outlines the remaining work to be performed with existing grant funding and Regional Parks funding. Work will include necessary drainage upgrades and basic surface improvements on the entire 26 km section of trail, including removal of potholes and upgrades to wet or muddy sections of trail. Finishing surface material will be placed between Wentworth Road and the Town of Lake Cowichan and between Holiday Lane and Agira Road in Duncan. This will amount to approximately 5 km of trail finished with cartpath material and 21 km of trail finished with road base/existing surface material.

B. Bings Creek Bridge

The Bings Creek Bridge Tender is currently being drafted by CVRD Parks Staff and will be issued in mid-May. The tender includes construction of the 35 metre bridge structure as well as the approach trails that must contour along steep banks down to the bridge. It is estimated that this project will commence in mid-June, with completion in mid-to-late July.

C. Chemainus to Ladysmith

Tender packages are currently being drafted for the sections of Rail with Trail between Henry Road and Elm Street (1.5km) and between the end of Old Victoria Road and North Watts Road (4.0km). In between these sections of RWT, existing widened roadways will be utilized until future funding allows more trail to be constructed.

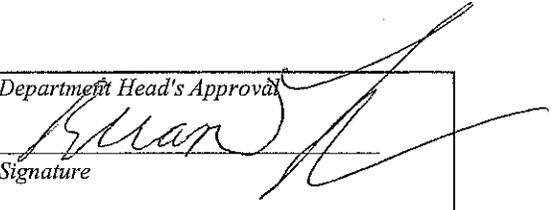
D. Ladysmith to RDN and Bush Creek Bridge

The final design for the Bush Creek Bridge crossing has been completed and the connection with the Regional District of Nanaimo has been set. Upgrades to the section of trail north of the crossing will be completed by students of the Vancouver Island University Heavy Equipment Operator's program, which is based near the northern end of the trail. The tender package for bridge construction is currently being drafted and will be released in late May.

The route through the Town of Ladysmith is currently being solidified and will incorporate roadside trail, rail with trail, and existing Town of Ladysmith community pathways. The proposed route will travel directly through Transfer Beach Park or will connect trail users directly to the downtown strip via the tunnel beneath Highway 1 as an alternate route north.

Submitted by,

Dan Brown
Parks Trails Technician
Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

Department Head's Approval

Signature

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STAFF REPORT

PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 12, 2010

DATE: May 6, 2010

FROM: Brian Farquhar, Manager Parks and Trails, Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

SUBJECT: Off-Road Recreation Proposal – Cowichan Valley ATV Club

Recommendation:

That this report be received for information.

Purpose:

To provide an update on the status of preparation of a background staff report for consideration by the Committee on the issue of ‘Off-Road Recreation’, as presented by the Cowichan Valley ATV Club.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Interdepartmental/Agency Implications:

N/A

Background:

Following the presentation by the Cowichan Valley ATV Club (CVATV) on the issue of “Off-Road Recreation” in the Cowichan Valley at the March 10, 2010, Parks Committee meeting, the Committee directed staff to prepare a background report on the issues raised in the presentation as related to the Regional District and goals proposed by the Club for the Regional District’s consideration. The goals, as presented by the CVATC at the meeting, are as follows:

1. Acknowledgement that the CVRD plays a pivotal role in promoting reasonable, responsible, recreation opportunities for all residents it represents;
2. Acknowledgement that a balance needs to be struck between interest-groups, and that off-road motorized sports is a priority for many residents in the District;
3. Acknowledgement that the CVRD supports the role that ATV BC, and in particular, the CVATV Club, is taking to promote safe and responsible use of the outback territories; and
4. Agreement to work with Stakeholders to evaluate options for providing safe and responsible off-road recreational opportunities within the Cowichan Valley. *(Of particular interest to CVATV is shared access to the Cowichan Valley/Trans Canada Trail on the north side of Lake Cowichan Road).*

The Parks and Trails Division have initiated preparation of the background report, but are also awaiting additional information offered by the Cowichan Valley ATV Club as part of their presentation. In particular, the Parks and Trails Division has followed up with the Club on receiving a copy of the land use agreements the Club is obtaining for use of private forest lands, and to organizing a tour of the locations of interest along the section of the Cowichan Valley Trail between Duncan and the Town of Lake Cowichan by the Club as access points for ATV riders to venture off into the "outback territories", as highlighted during the Club's presentation to the Committee. It is understood from the Club that the land use agreement(s) are forthcoming and CVRD's offer to tour the trail has not yet been confirmed on the part of the Club.

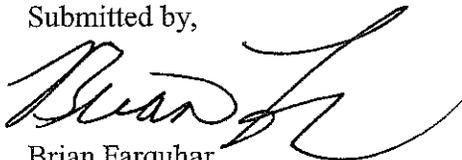
In the interim, the attached letter addressed to both the Town of Lake Cowichan and the Regional District was received from the Cowichan Valley ATV Club expressing concern of the continued work by the Regional District on trail construction improvements along the section of the Cowichan Valley Trail the Club. The work that is underway since last year is the rail-trail corridor improvements within the E&N Railway corridor owned by the Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) between the Town of Lake Cowichan and Duncan/North Cowichan. The ICF has granted permission to the CVRD for trail construction within the corridor on the premise the trail use be for non-motorized recreation.

The trail improvement work is being predominantly funded through approved grant funding from the Island Coastal Economic Trust and Western Economic Diversification, based on grant funding applications submitted by the Regional District to upgrade the rail corridor for non-motorized recreation use. Due to grant funding deadlines, the trail corridor improvement work has continued on to ensure the improvements are completed within the funding deadlines, as there other sections of trail work that still need to be completed between Duncan/North Cowichan and the Nanaimo Regional District under this grant funding by early next year as well.

Improvement work to the trail includes installation of rock barriers and removable bollards at access points along the rail trail corridor (predominantly road crossings), as these locations have been a problem with unauthorized access by vehicles and large equipment. Of concern too is not only the protection of the trail grade improvements, but also Telus's concern over potential damage to its multi-million dollar underground fibre optic cable along the corridor. The telephone company has worked cooperatively with the Regional District on the rail trail improvements, including expending significant funds on rail bed drainage improvements and culvert replacement in support of both protection of the cable and construction of the new trail.

It is important to note, however, that if a future decision is reached regarding shared access to this section of the Cowichan Valley Trail, as proposed by the CVATV Club, only minor modifications would be required to adapt the entry points at road crossings of the trail to establish such shared access.

Submitted by,



Brian Farquhar
Manager Parks and Trails
Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

BTF/mca
Attachments

COWICHAN VALLEY ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE CLUB

04 May 2010

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Mrs. G. Giles...by e-mail: ggiles12@shaw.ca
Chairman Cowichan Valley Regional District Board
c/o Mr. Brian Farquar
Parks and Trails Manager
CVRD Regional Parks Committee
175 Ingram Street
Duncan, BC V9L 1N8

Dear Messieurs Forest and Giles:

Recall that the Cowichan Valley ATV Club (CVATV) / affiliate Club of ATVBC, made a presentation to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Lake Cowichan and to the CVRD Parks Committee on 09 / 10 March 2010 respectively. Both were requested to acknowledge that:

- they play pivotal roles in promoting reasonable, responsible, recreational opportunities for all of the residents that they represent;
- a balance needs to be struck between interest-groups, and that that off-road motorized sports is a priority for many residents;
- they support CVATV and ATVBC in their effort to create safeguards and manage the sport; and
- the Communities have absolutely expressed a need to evaluate and execute options for providing safe, environmentally diligent and responsible off-road recreational opportunities in the Regions.

Am disappointed that there has been no answer to CVATV's requests.

Silence implies that there may be a preference for status-quo over consultation, inferring that it is your impressions that it is in the best interest of the Regions to...*'let them evolve on their own, without concern for a controlled environment. Exclusion is the solution'*.

The Club recognizes that the Town has no control over the territory outside of city boundaries. However, it does have influence.

The Club also offered its hand of support to investigate and come up with management techniques that would help to mitigate risk...and it specifically asked for the Town's support in its approach to CVRD. This too seems to have gone unacknowledged.

Recall also that the Club had a particular interest in sustaining access to the vacant rail bed on the south side of the Cowichan Valley highway No 18...since this route had not yet been declared part of the Canada Trail and was a fundamental access route to the north-side outback territories. Without this access and since the south-side rail-bed has already been

declared off limits to motorized sports, Residents will virtually have no legal means of accessing any of the adjacent territories.

Unfortunately, without consultation, work is apparently underway to blockade all of the north trail access routes, once again for the exclusive use by 'virtual' hikers and bikers. These scarce / non-existent users are once again poised to evict the primary user-group in order to satisfy the erroneous illusion that seems to be Trails BC. That illusion is that if the Country builds a highway of exclusive walking trails through the rural areas a plethora of wan-a-be athletes will jog to the outback, bringing with them business opportunities and wallets full of tourist dollars. The flaw in that illusion is that were one to monitor the rural trails it would be blatantly obvious that most are rarely used by anyone, let alone pedestrian or cycle traffic. A great deal of Federal Government Taxpayers' money gets spent on the capital cost of rural trail projects only to have the traditional users evicted and local communities stuck with the lifetime cost of maintenance...and the liability risk (read insurance cost) that is associated with them.

Save for the rare and most aggressive backpackers and mountain bikers, the outback trails have been a shared resource that are predominantly used by the motorized-sport enthusiasts, which are in fact not only the only User Group that routinely volunteers to help maintain the trails, but also the Group that maintains liability insurance for their use.

Shall we imagine that the concept plans for the Island's "Spine Trail" will also be for the exclusive use of virtual hikers...from the South...across the Forbidden Plateau and into the North Coast...and that the traditional user-group will once again be evicted?

CVATV believes that our elected representatives need to support all user-groups, including the off-road enthusiasts, which are after all a part of the family that makes up our beautiful Community. The CVATV Club has respectfully requested that governing bodies facilitate a User Forum consisting of selected members from all prospective User-Groups. Their quest would be to come up with practical and reasonable recommendations related to shared use of the outback territories, where it makes sense to do so. It did not ask to take over Canada Trail. It did not ask to take over parks. It did not ask for free reign over the city streets.

CVATV respectfully offered to help resolve what can only be described as a hot-potato-issue in the Community. I would therefore request that you confirm your positions in this regard, and advise what you see as the next steps in the evolution of a best solution.

Regards,



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CVRD Regional Parks Committee

6041 Hyacinth Place
Duncan, BC V9L 3Y8
March 29, 2010



Cowichan Valley Regional District
175 Ingram Street
Duncan, B.C.
V9L 1N8

Dear Cowichan Regional District Members,

I wish to express my displeasure concerning the Cowichan Regional District's decision not to implement the Park Acquisition Fund levy to its full \$5 per \$100,000 assessment. This amount was approved by an overwhelming 71 per cent of the electorate in a referendum held in the fall of 2008, Instead, the wishes of the electorate have been ignored for two years running.

I consider the Cowichan Regional District's decision not to fund to the \$5 level very undemocratic. A referendum is probably the purest form of democracy imaginable and the citizens of the Cowichan Valley spoke loud and clear. They wanted an annual taxation amount of \$5 per \$100,000 assessed value. We have significant, high value recreational lands that are in need of immediate protection and your decision not to fully fund the Park Acquisition Fund as directed by the electorate makes this task even more difficult. It is also a blow to democracy. Our citizens have been let down. Their wishes not met.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the CVRD who voted to fully implement the Park Acquisition Fund levy. Your foresight and fairness is appreciated.

Yours truly,
Denny Wagg
Denny Wagg

cc North Cowichan Council



March 25, 2010

Greetings CVRD Members

I would like to take this opportunity to visit three topics that are very important to my family and myself.

Firstly, I encourage the CVRD to use the full amount for the parks acquisition fund that citizens voted for, the recession is not a good enough reason not to take action. Most folks are very aware of what we may lose if we do not protect special places now, the monetary cost is minimal.

Secondly, and perhaps this is a part of my first point, the grove of old growth on the Koksilah River needs to be protected. I appreciate the initial action taken so far by the CVRD in requesting in writing to the Province, that logging and the possible sale of this incredible piece of forest be put on hold. I have hiked there numerous times with family and friends, it is indeed a gem. I fully support acquisition of this grove and any partnerships that work towards it.

Thirdly I urge the CVRD to maintain the Trans Canada Trail ATV free, peace and enjoyment of natural surroundings is very much impacted by noise and exhaust from these machines. No offence intended to any of the people that enjoy this activity.

Thank you very much for taking these suggestions into consideration.

Sincerely

Dwain J. Bauman

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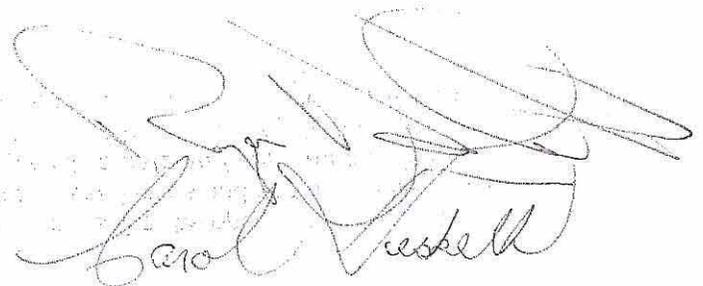
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Cowichan Valley Regional District
175 Ingram Street
Duncan, B.C. V9L 1N8

Attention: Director

We are writing to protest the proposal that the Trans Canada Trail be opened to motorized vehicles. This proposal concerns us greatly as this trail is used by us and our family many others for what it has been committed to which is to provide a **safe and enjoyable trail for walking, hiking, cycling, horseback riding**. If you allow it to be opened legally for motorized vehicles you are putting the **safety** of those who wish to use it as a **safe environment** without worry of being injured. There are too many vehicles on this trail illegally now and no one has been there to prevent this from happening. The drivers of these motorized vehicles are totally disrespectful of folks that are using the trail as it was intended. Where the motorized vehicles are parked you will find it littered with garbage etc. The trail has been eroded by this constant use and the north end of the trail going up to Renfrew Road that was redone a few years ago is now in terrible shape.

The motorized vehicles using the trail arrive by truck load from Victoria every weekend. Our property back on to the Trans Canada trail and we have had these vehicles going by not only all day long but at times into the early hours of the morning. These folks have no vested interest in our area and we don't feel that the taxes that we pay should be used to provide them with a recreational area.



Carol Hesketh

At its meeting on March 28, the Board of Directors approved the Greenways – Vision and Core Principles.

This reaffirms the Trans Canada Trail's commitment, as a priority, to developing a greenway trail that promotes non-motorized uses in summer (hiking/walking, cycling, horseback riding and canoeing) and cross-country skiing and snowmobiling in winter.

While this is not a new direction for the Trans Canada Trail, the Board agreed that it was important, at this time, to clearly restate its vision for the Trans Canada Trail and indicate the organization's priority focus as we move forward to complete the Trail.

Greenways - Vision and Core Principles

Vision

- The Trans Canada Trail is a multi-use recreational trail, stretching from coast to coast to coast.
- The Trail is designed to accommodate six preferred activities: walking/hiking, cycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and canoeing.
- Made up of hundreds of local trails which are being joined together to form the world's longest and grandest trail, the Trans Canada Trail offers a multitude of trail experiences from wilderness pathways, rail trails, forested trails, rural tracks, historic canoe routes to paved urban walkways, downtown streets, country roads, logging roads, and secondary highways.
- The goal is to maximize greenway trail segments.
- The Trans Canada Trail continually strives to deliver a quality trail experience that is recognized as being best in class. We seek to be one of the world's pre-eminent long distance trails.
- The Trail offers Canadians and international visitors a unique way to get outdoors, explore major cities and small towns; experience our ever-changing landscapes; and discover Canada's rich history, and diverse cultures, communities and people.

Core Principles

The Trans Canada Trail is committed to:

- Provide a safe and enjoyable trail experience on high quality trail;
- Promote an active and healthy lifestyle;
- Preserve green space, encourage active transportation, and protect the environment;
- As a priority, develop a greenway trail that promotes non-motorized uses in summer (walking, hiking, cycling, horseback riding, and canoeing on water routes), as well as cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling on some trail segments, in winter.

[1 comment](#) April 16th, 2009

[Latest news from the Trail](#)

Read all about our recent successes in [Notes from the Trail](#).

[20 comments](#) December 18th, 2008

[Singer/songwriter Bill Hamilton records Trans Canada Trail tune](#)

Visit Bill's website to listen to "Trans Canada Trail", one of twelve original songs on "Field and Shield",

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THOMAS K. FLEMING
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April 21, 2010.

Mr. Mel Dorey,
Chairman,
Parks Commission,
Cowichan Valley Regional District,
175 Ingram Street,
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Dear Councillor,

Trans-Canada Trail

We shall be pleased if you will consider our views on the prohibition of all motor vehicles on this trail.

We are landowners on the Cowichan River, a heritage river, at 7824 Wentworth Road, Lake Cowichan, and have been so for 39 years. Our property is adjacent to the Trans-Canada Trail. The property, originally acquired from the E & N Railway by Premier John Hart, is covered by a forest of mature trees, in which no logging has been done in well over one hundred years. In addition to a variety of sea and land birds and being fronted by a significant spawning ground, the forest is visited by deer, bears, cougars, Roosevelt elk, and otters, to which the noise is incompatible.

As evidence of our concern for the preservation of this forest, we have voluntarily granted covenants on the land titles to The Nature Trust of British Columbia. These covenants require them to ensure that the property remains unaltered in perpetuity. This they do through annual inspections. The covenants include the adjacent property across the river, for a total of about 10 acres.

We are pleased to note the improvements to the Trail and its extension as the Cowichan Valley Trail segment, which will result in increased pedestrian, horseback, and bicycle use.

Motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles now use the trail at high speed with screaming, unmuffled motors. This unacceptable use will hopefully now be reduced as a result of some more sensitive operators observing your new signage. If such usage is not forbidden, it will continue.

The recent fatal avalanche near Revelstoke brings to light the possibility of doctoring any internal-combustion engine to travel at speeds of 120 km or more per hour, which, in addition to the noise and the tearing up of the roadbed, will endanger those families and children who wish to pursue the quiet use of the Trail.

We have been supporters of the Trans-Canada Trail since its inception, and we encourage you to use your influence to protect its principles.

Yours sincerely,



Thomas K. Fleming



Andrée M. Fleming

P.S. Since writing this letter, we have become aware (Vancouver Sun, April 22, 2010) that the Parks Committee of the Capital Regional District voted unanimously on April 21 in Victoria to keep its original policy of not allowing off-road vehicles in its parks. Those who spoke against allowing off-road vehicles argued that the vehicles would destroy everything from the peace and quiet to the region's drinking water.

 and A. Fleming


✓ Cc: Mr. Brian Farquhar, Manager, CVRD Parks

Cc: Ms. Marian Adair, Habitat Ecologist,
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The following form was submitted via your website: Web Page Feedback Form

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Feedback:: RE: "ATV club Want trail access" - March 17, 2010 Cowican Valley Citizen

After reading the artical in the Citizan we strongly oppose to having ATV's on the Trans Canada Trail. We cannot see this working out. We have lived in the valley all our lives and close to the trail for the past 40 years. We understand why the ATV users would want access to the trail but that opens up another can of worms. Already when we go for a walk we seems to encounter motor bikes. The noise and the pollution is not pleasant. The noise is deafening and the smell lingers for a long time. We know some very responsible ATV users but we also know more who want to walk or ride their horses where it is peaceful.

The trails were never meant for ATV's. They were made in mind for people to go out and see nature in a quiet and peaceful way. They take their dogs, Children, handicap walkers, and horses. The ATV's scare the dogs, horses, and children. Plus the wildlife - you don't hear a bird chirping for miles after a motor bike or ATV go through.

Once you allow ATV's on the trail then we get more motor bikes because they also think it's okay. Let's take it one step further and allow small 4X4's into the mix. We used to have a 4X4 and this trail would be perfect for this type of user also. The truck would love to get out there and rip up the trail and trespass on private roads. Why not the motor bikes they already travel on it. No one police the trail. Whether the owners of this type of vehicle is older doesn't mean anything because you can't discriminate age. If one group is allowed then all should be allowed.

Mr. Olson said most ATV users are not keen on the Trans Canada Trail for riding because most of its fairly flat and not an interesting ride and companies like Timber West are actually enthusiastic about having the clubs with mature eyes in the woods. We believe the problem of this debate is solved without going any further. We know that Timber West has thousands of hecters of land all of which have road access which would be a great advantage for the ATV users. They just need to get the keys (since Timer West agrees with them) and proceed to the mountain side and play to their hearts content. Now this would make everyone happy, the walkers would not have to put up with them and Timer West now have the Mature eyes in the woods. Win Win for all.

Frank and Gloria McCorkell

Brian Farquhar

From: Gallery [gallery@chemainustheatre.ca]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 12:40 PM
To: Brian Farquhar
Subject: dirt bikes etc on trails

I have read many letters regarding the 'rights' of off-roaders. My concern is purely selfish and concerns my personal safety. I live 5kms east of Lake Cowichan. I have a horse and ride three times a week. To avoid traffic I ride on the trails in the woods. Three weeks ago I was nearing home when I heard the noise of a dirt bike. As I was approaching a blind corner I knew I was in trouble as the bike rider would not see me until he was upon me. He was traveling so fast that I had no time to even dismount. My horse spun around and started back on the way we'd come. I fell off. The biker did stop and turned off his engine. I got up. He apologized. I managed to get my horse. I walked him past the bike and walked home, in a state of shock.

Apparently this boy was driving with a group of ATV'ers but he was so far ahead I never did see the others.

In an ideal world my horse would not have spooked and I would not have fallen off, but horses have a flight response when scared and I am on 'older' rider. I have to say it is easier to ride and control a motorized vehicle which does not have a mind of it's own.

Now while I have met many off-roaders who have been considerate to varying degrees; it is always scary to have those riders coming at you. The helmets alone make the riders look other-than-human - so alarming to a horse.

It must be fun to go blasting along the trails but had I been galloping the results would have been disastrous.

Horses and dirt bikes just aren't compatible so for that reason I would support any action to keep the motorized vehicles at bay.

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