

Regional Trails Management Plan

Galloping Goose, Lochside,
E&N Rail Trail-Humpback Connector

Fall 2014

The logo for the Capital Regional District (CRD), consisting of the letters 'CRD' in a stylized, white, sans-serif font on a teal background.

The CRD is preparing a management plan for the regional trails system. The management plan will guide decision-making, priority setting, and budget planning for the next 10 years.

Public Participation Update

An initial public participation process for this project was undertaken between June 10 and July 10, 2014. The process included an online comment form available through the CRD website, and three public sessions hosted in Victoria, Langford and Sidney, between June 24 and July 3.

Approximately 65 people participated in the public sessions and 71 people completed the online comment form.

The Regional Trails System

The CRD regional trails system is made up of the Galloping Goose Regional Trail, the Lochside Regional Trail and the E&N Rail Trail - Humpback Connector. It is a multi-use trail system that comprises nearly 100 km of non-motorized recreation and transportation opportunities. The trails receive nearly three million visits annually.

Thank you to all who participated. These interested individuals provided over 1,300 ideas and suggestions for consideration, including:

- over 200 ideas as suggestions toward a vision for regional trails;
- more than 175 ideas regarding management principles/core values;
- approximately 450 comments relating to management needs/issues;
- some 225 suggestions specific to potential Galloping Goose priorities;
- nearly 175 ideas for Lochside trail priorities; and
- 125 suggestions specific to the E&N Rail Trail.

Comments received through the public participation process will be considered, along with comments received from the CRD-Municipal-Provincial Working Group, from interested First Nations with lands adjacent to the trails, and through the 2013 Regional Trails Survey.

Due to the volume of suggestions and given that some of the ideas are opposing in nature, not all comments can be incorporated into the draft management plan. The goal is to review and consider all comments, understand the underlying interests to the best of our ability, and develop the best plan possible.

In November 2014, a Participation Report will be provided to the CRD Regional Parks Committee for information. The report will outline the processes in more detail, provide highlights, and include all of the comments received through the participation processes.

A second public participation process will be undertaken in 2015, once a Draft Regional Trails Management Plan is available for review and comment.



Planning Process Update

The CRD is working with interested First Nations who have lands adjacent to the regional trails to gather their ideas and suggestions for the management plan. Liaison will continue through the planning process.

Also, the CRD-Municipal-Provincial Working Group is meeting regularly over the fall 2014 to provide input as drafting of the management plan begins.

The goal is to have a Draft Regional Trails Management Plan available for public review by June 2015.

Find Out More

Please visit the CRD website for project updates and to download these resources:

- ◇ Summer 2014 Information Bulletin
- ◇ Fact Sheets: Where We Start and Regional Trails Classifications
- ◇ 2013 Regional Trails Survey Report
- ◇ Regional Trails System Map

Coming soon: Regional Trails Management Plan Public & First Nations Participation Report.

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