

# **Kaslo and Area Trail Alliance**

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

### **Background**

The Kaslo Trail Alliance is a collaborative arrangement between trail user groups and Crown forest tenure holders. Kaslo and the surrounding area endowed with a trail network that provides enjoyment and exercise to locals and visitors alike. In order to maintain and protect these trails, to best serve the greatest good, and to protect other values, the Kaslo and Area Trails Alliance agrees to the following:

### **1. Guiding Principles**

The Kaslo Trail Alliance is built on the following Guiding Principles:

- Build alliance of trail user groups committed to work together;
- Foster cooperation among trail users, governments and neighbours;
- Respect different trail uses and support diversity of uses;
- Demonstrate best practices for stewardship and maintenance;
- Help to educate trail users about history, best practices and other values; and
- Respect private land ownership and other rights holders.

### **2. Trail management plan**

The parties will develop a *Kaslo and Area Trail Management Plan* to guide stewardship, outline roles and responsibilities, define permitted uses, summarize best practices, ensure maintenance and clarify broad public promotion of trails. This management plan will be developed through a public consultation process.

### **3. Meaningful public consultation**

Strong public support is required to ensure trails are safe and well maintained. This support will be the outcome of meaningful and ongoing public consultation.

### **4. Provincial designation**

The legal designation of trails may be an outcome of public consultations. Not all trails will be legally designated.

### **5. Recognition of added risks in the sensitive interface areas**

Trail use can increase risks to sensitive values. Dogs or garbage can contaminate domestic water systems. Motorized vehicles or cigarettes can cause fires. Noise can

diminish privacy. These risks are taken seriously and trails are managed to reduce these risks.

**6. Recognition of other rights holders**

Domestic water users, trappers and forest licensees, among others, have legal rights adjacent to or on top of the trails network. These legal rights will be respected within the managed trail network and all efforts will be made to ensure that trail users understand and respect these rights.

**5. Information sharing between parties**

In the spirit of cooperation, in order to find efficiencies and to ensure consistency, the parties agree to share information on maintenance, education or training projects, commercial activities, legal designations and other issues that may affect the trails network.

**7. Provisions to review and revise trail network status on regular basis**

At any time a Kaslo Trail Alliance member may request that this MoU is reviewed or revised. Full consensus of the parties is required to revise this MoU.



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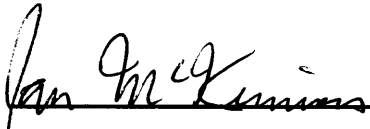
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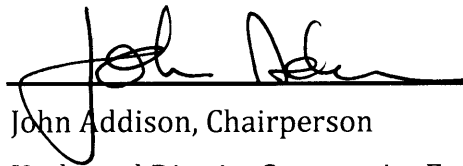
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