

## **Kaslo Trail Alliance**

### **Pineridge Consultation Meeting**

March 1, 2012, 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Kaslo Senior's Hall

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#### **Agenda**

1. Review and approve agenda
2. Alliance members introductions
3. General introduction to process: Trail Alliance, Goals, Workplan
4. General discussion: Process, etc
5. Detailed trail discussion: Worksheets
6. Summary and Adjourn

#### **Attendees**

Dave McCormick, Bill Wells, Barry Crawford, Lina Crawford, Sam Pawluk, Gordon Portman, Karl Gfroerer, Allyn Steward, Shon Neufeld, John Addison, Hugh Kerr, Leslie Kerr, Peter Smed, Terri Jenkins, Phyllis White, Peter McAllister, John Cathro (Facilitator)

#### **1. Review and approve agenda**

The group reviewed and approved the agenda as presented.

#### **2. Alliance Members Introductions**

Shon Neufeld, Kaslo Outdoor Recreation Society

Tom Duchastel, Kaslo Trailblazers

John Addison, Kaslo and District Community Forest Society

Bill Wells, WL 494

#### **3. General Introduction**

John Cathro provided some general background on the purpose of this meeting. While trails have been built and used in the Kaslo area for a very long time, the release of the Trails Guidebook in May 2010 raised concerns from some community members, especially residents of the Back Road and Pine Ridge. As a result, RDCK Director Shadrack asked John Cathro to engage in the process to see if the dispute could be resolved. After discussions with key players, the Trail Alliance was formed to bring together trail user groups and forest tenure holders to work cooperatively on developing a Kaslo Trails Management Plan based on strong public support. The first step was meet with the neighborhoods most directly affected and better understand their interests and preferences for trails. The next step will be broad public consultation. The ultimate goal is to develop a management plan that demonstrates strong public support for a managed trail network in Kaslo and area.

#### **4. General Discussion**

John Cathro facilitated a general discussion.

- The issue of trail deactivation was raised: has the Alliance given thought to how to deactivate trails? This has not come up yet but would be considered if specific requests were made;
- The map as presented at the meeting had some inaccuracies and a revised version was presented (attached). Trailblazers built the green trails in May 2011. The red trails are existing trails that were not on the map. Trail #9 is actually 50 feet on private land. The stretch of trail between #4 and #5 does not exist.

#### **5. Detailed Trails Discussion**

The following specific comments were provided:

- Written comments were provided by people who could not attend the meeting Regina Thomas, P and K Raby, Doug Dixon and Shelly Ross, and Annette Embry. While there was some variation, the general sentiments expressed is: foot traffic only, so signage, no advertising of trails, no further development, no organized races;
- Generally suggested that the 'trail problem' started with the publication of the Guidebook;
- One issue is the potential for a commercial tenure to be applied for this Crown land. One defense against this is the completion of the management plan and, perhaps, the legal designation of trails;
- Sam Pawluk pointed out that one of the trails crosses his private property, and hikers have ended up in his yard. This is a game trail that has expanded with human use to look more like a hiking trail. After some discussion, it was suggested that the most direct way to fix this would be to make sure there are 'private property' signs posted;
- In response to a direct question, Tom stated that from the Trailblazers perspective there is no push to incorporate this area into some kind of master trail network;
- Question: In the vent of an accident or injury on designated or managed trails, who is libel? The Alliance needs to look into this and get an answer;
- Many Pineridge residents want to promote walking and would like to have a trail from Mirror Lake to the Village that does not go on the highway ad does not cross private land;
- In response to a direct question, Shon stated that from the perspective of KORS there is no intent to promote mountain bike use in this area because it is too small. It is best for running and hiking, although it would be a good place for kids to train;
- Process question: How are residents best included in decisions? A suggestion was made that each neighborhood should have a member on the Alliance. The Alliance will consider this suggestion;
- Question: Does the applicant for trail designation need to be a Society or other formal group? The Alliance will look into this;

- Suggestion that access on trails be limited or excluded during high hazard fire season;
- Process suggestion: how about create a list of trail use criteria and, by show of hands, gauge the level of support. Here is the result:

<b>Trail Use Criteria</b>	<b>Number of votes</b>
Walking Only	11
No Advertising of Trails	12
No Commercial Use	12
Non-motorized	12
Develop Trail from Mirror Lake to Kaslo	12
Legally designate the area / trails	6
Horse friendly	7
No organized events	11
No signs (other than 'private property')	12
Bicycle friendly	4

Total number of residents: 12

- Process Suggestion: After discussion the following process was agreed to for including other residents unable to attend:
  - Dave and Gordon will coordinate communication for Pineridge;
  - Allyn will coordinate communication for Silver Hills;
  - Residents will have two weeks (until March 16) to respond'
  - Specific feedback will be requested from residents
  - Meeting notes, trail map and Trails Backgrounder will be provided to residents

Adjourn the meeting at 9:00