

PATHWAY PARTNERS MEETING
March 11 2010

Present: Kelly Maguire Anders Hopperstead
 Kelly Pearce Inge Wilson
 Kurt Mohr Scott Rennick
 Stephanie Hooker

Function: A platform for sharing ideas and coordinating resources to improve the pathways that are within or extend outward from the District of Hope. The goal is to promote healthy self-propelled living for the residents of Hope and its Visitors.

Form: The group is an informal and inclusive membership for individuals and group representatives that are invested in building and maintaining a Healthy Community. The Committee is a place for interests to converge and ideas to germinate in an organic and creative way.

- Kelly Maguire made his presentation to Council on Monday night about Kawkawa lake shoreline trail potential. Each member of Council expressed interest and enthusiasm for project. Kelly has permission from District of Hope to approach stakeholders with idea and the District will also draft a letter of support for Kelly.
- Anders has created a new map of town for the Hope Directory which is put out by Erica Press. It includes more geographic detail and easy to use insets as well as a regional map on the back side. He has also created a new map for this year's Hope Daytripper which is more detailed and easy to use.
- Suggestion to create a "Vision Map" for region for wish list of trail and greenspace plans for Hope. Similar to when communities create a streetscape vision for future development planning. We could do a map that has all of the trail possibilities, partial trails, trails that need varying degrees of maintenance to be up to standard, historic trails, and future projects. This vision map could be useful for many discussions and planning down the road.
- Kelly Pearce has contacted FVRD to inquire into Thacker Mountain area. Would like to use the area for multi-use trails etc. Owned by UBC, District may have some responsibility for maintenance as well. Waiting to hear back.
- Landstrom Ridge trail is currently not advertised as a hiking trail in Hope due to the fact that you have to cross the rail lines illegally to get to trail head. Kurt mentioned that a short piece of trail could be constructed to avoid railroad and loop trail. This would result in a nice hiking trail on the sunny side of Hope.
- HBC Trail update: Peers Creek starting point is getting site prepped for a trail

information kiosk, an overnight camp site, and bathroom facilities. Site will be built and graveled in. Can be accessed by driving 10 minutes out of Hope on Coquihalla Highway and taking Exit 183 on Peers Creek FSR for 1.7 km. Can also be accessed from Hope by hiking to trail head via the TransCanada trail.

Meeting with Haig Fire Base to determine possible work partnership was held. Mike Millar presented detailed work plan with photos and maps to base and it has been agreed so far that Kelly Cook will do the Danger Tree Assessment while the fire crews can do the Danger Tree Removal.

Signage about non-motorized trail designation have been designed and will be posted at every trail intersection to prevent damage by motorized trail users.

A maintenance agreement for the HBC trail and the Hope Lookout Trail is being pursued between HMCOL and MOTCA. Kelly Maguire has had some experience with that and may assist.

- Hope-Nicola Valley Trail has been damaged by water and a work bee could be utilized to fix it up. Also, the neighbouring gravel pit has destroyed some of the terrain with heavy equipment by mistake. Stephanie will contact Darryl Pacquette from BC Parks at Cultus to ask permission. Also, a homeowner along the trail has expressed concern with people getting lost and utilizing his property. trail could be looped back to tunnels parking lot with some trail building that would avoid his property and the highway stretch that hikers must walk back to their cars on. This also must be arranged with BC Parks.
- Hope Rec Centre is starting a Walking Club from April 6 to June 24. Walks will be led by staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays leaving from the Rec Centre at 6:45pm and arriving back at 7:45pm.
- In town bike routes that Johanna was working on will be included in this year's Daytripper. Need to submit blurb and directions on routes to Patti at Hope Standard.
- Flood Falls Trail is in dire need of maintenance. Has been washed out. This is one of the trails that Area B Trail crew might take on if their funding is approved.
- Pathway Partners would like to organize a meeting with the Area B Trail maintenance group once their funding has been approved in order to communicate, plan, and assist.
- Kurt hiked the Mount Ogilvie trail recently and suggested that with some hard work the trail could be brought up to a recreational standard. Even if trail was well maintained it would still be an expert level full day trail. It would be nice to have a mix of experience levels of hikes leaving from the town site. Kurt will

hike again possibly with Anders to GPS and take photos of trouble areas.