

Similkameen Trails

A trail system represents significant opportunities and benefits.

Trails are integral to the communities by providing outdoor activities that contribute to both physical and mental health.

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In 2007 The Board resolved to request the Province to place a Notation of Interest on the trail right of way in the Similkameen.

The long-term goal is to enter into Co-Management Agreements with the Province for all Crown land trail networks within the RDOS boundaries.

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The Similkameen Trail Network is under the authority of the BC Transportation and Financing Authority (BCTFA).

All trail networks in the Province are being assessed for eventual transfer to Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts (MTCA).

MTCA are better equipped to manage trails as recreational corridors and enter into co-management agreements with local government or other agencies.

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Key Benefits of Recreation Trails

1. Economic

Increased tourism spending, greater business investment, enhanced property values, and higher tax revenues.

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2. Community

Increased economic development and diversity, increased understanding and respect for heritage and culture.

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3. Health

Improved health and physical well-being, for both individuals and communities.

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4. Environment

Enhanced environment awareness, better understanding of our natural heritage, and better stewardship of the environment.

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5. Transportation

Greener transportation and commuting use of trails contribute to overall community and regional sustainability.



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Similkameen Trails Society have been identified to manage the trail network on behalf of the Regional District and the Village of Keremeos.

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The Burlington Northern Rail Trail Management Plan was drafted to provide BCTFA with a framework and guiding principles necessary to enter into an agreement to develop the Similkameen Trail.

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Governance

The Regional District and the Village of Keremeos are responsible for the trail management within their jurisdictions.

The Similkameen Trails Society will guide the development and manage the trail.

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Rationale

- Health
- Economic
- Transportation and Commuting

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Management Considerations

1. Uses
2. Safety and Ethics
3. Conflict Resolution
4. Budgeting
5. Facilities
6. Signs

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Management Considerations

7. Fencing
8. Invasive Plants
9. Ongoing Maintenance
10. Projects



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First Nation Consultation and Historical Sites

Consultation with First Nations is a priority with the Province and the Regional District

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Adjacent Landowner and Tenure Holder Consultation

The RDOS and BCTFA will work with adjacent landowners and tenure holders to ensure potential impacts are minimized.



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Public Participation

Similkameen Trails Society will engage the community to participate in the development of the trail.

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Trails in Agriculture Land Reserve

Trails in agricultural areas will provide an opportunity for trail users to gain an appreciation of the contributions made by the agricultural community.

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Evaluation

The success of the project will be through an annual evaluation process.



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Green House Gas Emissions

Trails provide alternative modes of transportation.



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Physical Activity

Trail enable access to popular recreation and heritage sites.



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Seniors and Disability Friendly

The Village Promenade provides a compacted surface for seniors and those using mobility devices.

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