

South Canoe Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes: June 9th, 2022 - Zoom - 7 pm

Attending: Adrian B, Jim M, Dan K, Logan C, Joedine, Mary.

Regrets: Chris S, Chris Lind, Sancha

Absent Diane, Brian, Mark, Veda

1. South Canoe Voly Day report and feedback
70 people – too many for the projects. Start running out of tools by around the 50 people mark. Work mostly done by noon – BBQ was another success = great social. Ran smoothly, quicker start and quicker finish. Adrian has a project list, but each project needs a leader. We have some pretty experienced volunteers now thanks to the many years this has been running.
2. Salty Dog Report (Dan)
Tom reports no complaints from residents. Ran well – good conditions.
3. Parking lot redesign: Adrian
 - a. Gazebo progress, (Grant status, start of project) . the STA was not successful with a grant for this project, but we are hoping it will be complete very soon.
 - b. The Sta has Grant money to assist the city with redeveloping the parking lot. Gravel capping the run bike loops in order to create an accessible trail network. 2 picnic tables for meadow – needs gravel pads. And fencing around the pump track area. The City will mow the meadow periodically.
 - c. Pump Track Area will be adding fencing to the pump track / skills park area, and re-routing everyone past the kiosk.
 - d. Flying Nun needs to be re-routed away from pump track and the parking lot entrance – per city request. Suggest involving the kids of the MB club with brainstorming. Hopefully solution will also discourage hikers from going UP the Downhill trails. Exit this trail near the exit of PPT,
4. East Canoe Creek Bridge / Ida View Trail
Bridge construction should start next week. The Crew has been busy milling materials. Upper section of the trail through cut blocks has been contracted out to Contour Trails. He will start the last week in June. Trail should be operational by the end of July.
5. Ebikes / Hikers going up Lower Schizo, user conflicts – signs **NO UPHILL TRAFFIC** will be installed until RSTBC provides feedback on signage. Much discussion about how we educate ebike users and hikers on etiquette and safety. Hikers and trail runners with headphone are also a safety issue.
6. Skills park adjacent to parking lot (Logan Costain / MTB Academy)
Younger crowd looking for speed and jumps and exhibition zone. City needs formal plan. It may need to go to council. Adrian willing to work with MTB Academy on this. In the past, requests for a skills park space has been the issue. Now that there is a dedicated space it should have support

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7. Jackson MTB Academy Trail Request (Logan Costain)
Looking to adopt an old trail known as “the cut” for next years class. Advised not to commit to any specific location, but to work on the line with the style of trail in mind. Concerns with this location are.
 - The Cut trail started off the road in a location which is not used as the climbing route and more and will be a bit orphaned as it no longer fits into the network.
 - There are a lot of classic south canoe weird water issues along that part of the hill side. The original line may have followed a season stream bed

Application process requires plan brought to the South Canoe Trail Advisory (all stakeholders to review), the Salmon Arm Greenways Liaison Committee, First Nations bands (require preliminary field reviews which cost money), before being submitted to Recreation Sites and Trails BC.

Also of concern is that there is not a lot of room in the lower trail net work for new trails

Going through the process would be a great class project for the MTB Academy however – regardless of the outcome.
8. Winter Grooming proposal 2022/2023 (Dan)
Bike club has a modified winter grooming plan. Expected logging will require a few changes to the existing route. We must re- submit a Section 57 application to do winter grooming (motorized machine on non motorized trails)
9. Shuswap Ultra. September 24-25 2022
10. BC Bike Race September 18th
11. Mountain Bike Symposium at Silver Star – Sept 14 – 16
12. Shuswap Economic Development Society has approached the Bike Club to support a bid for the 2024 or 25 or 26 BC Senior Games
13. Next meeting – don’t generally do a summer meeting. Will touch base early September given the races scheduled for that month. Will consider Sept 8.