

Larch Hills Non Winter Advisory Meeting 2023 04 20

Attendance: Sue Hunt (backcountry horseman) Dan Capek (Shuswap Cycling Club) Laura Hepburn (Larch Hills Nordic) Keith Cox (Shuswap Outdoors!) Craig McBride (Larch Hills Nordic) Adrian Bostock (Shuswap Trail Alliance)

Regrets: Chris Lynd (Shuswap Back Country Riders) Doug Noakes (Shuswap Outdoors!)

Review past planning.

- Summary of all past planning documents. Core Values and recommendations from the 2008 Larch Hills Non Winter Trail Use Report. Some of these have been initiated.
- Keith stated that all of the original trails were created by authorisation of the MOF at the time. The history of this is captured in the West Route Plan

West Route Review

- Questions about how many of these trails are a part of the Larch Hills Traverse. What the Larch Hills Nordic Partnership Agreement covers.
- Sue would like to develop/identify an Eq friendly loop by passing hemlock glide and greenway ect. Larch Hills Rd, and or Fir Lane is a potential route.
- Adrian will communicate with RSTBC about the status of this route. RSTBC had indicated they would like to authorise these trails for summer use.
- Keith Requested Trail Closed Signs on Treebeards (Greenway and White Pine Walk junctions)
- Recommended seasonal / conditions dependant closer on afterthought / greenway
- This route is informally known in mountain bike circles as the Over The Top (South Canoe to Rubberhead via Greenway ect)
- Expected to see more traffic with the new Ida View section of the Larch Hills Traverse now complete.

Summer Maintenance Planning

- The STA Crew will work on Clear Cut Connection (bushing, pole saw, investigate failing wooden culvert and replace if possible?). There is motorised use on this trail, which makes the replacement of this culvert difficult. Not possible or recommended to place a simple boardwalk across it. It is authorised as a part of the Larch Hills Travers.
- Craig – LHN plans to move gate on Bilbos Bog. Discussion around not moving until stiles or gates can be placed on Mushroom Fantasy and Dead Man's Drop
- Waiting to hear from RSTBC about the West Route before committing to fixing / replacing winter creek crossing boards on greenway.
- Lynx Trott board walk desired as a summer use route. Should be built to accommodate Eq and motorised use.
- Some talk about how to fix the mud hole on Lake View. No conclusions. This connection was created by the LHN club in 2009. As a groomed trail link to the south canoe trail network.
- LHN to replace Toms Shelter. No design at the moment.
- Discussion about the 15 day deer hunting season (Nov 1 – Nov 15th).

- Discussion around updating the 2008 user counts. Possible to use existing car counter? Cameras? (April 23rd note, the STA as some trail counters. I would like to place on the greeway this season to get a sense of user numbers).

Next Meeting

- Fall 2023. No date set.