



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

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Regional District Adopts New Log Train Trail Management Plan

ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT – The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors is supporting a recommendation to adopt a new Log Train Trail (LTT) Management Plan. The new plan sets a strategic direction outlining objectives, strategies, and priorities to guide how the trail will be managed for the next 10-20 years.

The ACRD LTT lease area encompasses 18 kilometres – the trail corridor from just north of the powerlines (three-kilometre marker) to Woolsey Road (21-km). The existing ACRD lease agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is a non-exclusive revolving four-year lease that was created based upon the 1993 Management Plan. The current lease is for non-motorized use. However, the trail is used frequently by OHVs and in some areas account for most of the use.

The majority of public feedback received during the development of the plan revolved around motorized use of the ACRD section of the Trail. The new plan establishes a motorized multi-use path supported by the development of clear standards for use and etiquette for each user group.

“We have heard concerns related to increased traffic and the impact that will have on the trail, resulting in potential conflict among users,” said John Alan Jack, chair of the ACRD Board of Directors. “Change is always difficult, but it is important that we update the management plan we have had in place for 30 years to reflect current uses.”

Before this change can be fully implemented, staff will work on the creation of a transition plan that will involve engaging impacted user groups on the development of guidelines, signage, and a communication strategy, as well as modifying access points and key trail sections as needed. The ACRD will also need to negotiate a new agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to integrate the new management plan and incorporate changes. The new agreement and transition plan will be reviewed by the Board prior to implementation and is expected to take between twelve to eighteen months before changes to allowable uses are formalized.

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