
From: Trent, Tennessee FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 9:00 AM
To: Hawkings, John FLNR:EX
Subject: agenda for KVR users wg meet

Any concerns with this?...

Hi all,
For all of you who can make this meeting here is the agenda for the day.

There will be no food or drink provided at this meeting but coffee and other items are available at Café Nevermatters and the Naramata General Store, both a half block away.

0900 – meet at the OAP hall in Naramata. See directions below.

- Review last meeting
- Discuss potential options for trail routing for motorized / non-motorized users
- Discuss on-highway vehicle traffic on KVR and options
- Map review – 2 concept maps for trail use solutions

1100 - Split into two groups (motorized and non-motorized)

- Each group can ride a section of the trail and field review sections of proposed trail routing for shared use, separated use and quality alternatives

1630 - Review the day / debrief

- Naramata Pub

Directions:

OAP Friendship Hall is at 310 Ritchie Street.

- beside the Naramata library at Third St. & Ritchie.

- From Robinson Ave, turn left onto Third and make the next left onto Ritchie, and immediately park in front of the library/OAP hall.

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Draft Minutes for Naramata KVR Users Working Group

Date: Feb 7, 2013

Location: Naramata Centre

Participants:

Mark Woods	RDOS
Lindsay Bourque	RDOS
Andrew Drouin	non-motorized, local representative
Terry Wardrop	ATV-BC
Phil Young	motorized, local representative
Ken Anderson	motorized, local representative
Craig Henderson	non-motorized local representative
Lyle Resh	Naramata Woodwackers
Al Skucas	Trails BC
Tennessee Trent	RSTBC
John Hawkings	RSTBC

Discussion points made in meeting by working group (6-7pm):

- Need to clarify the definition of motorized user (on highway versus off highway vehicle) in the context of the draft concept plan for KVR trail development – Chute Lake to Naramata
- All members of Working Group can act as spokespeople for the draft concept plan. John Hawkings is the senior Provincial Government representative and so he will be the media spokesperson
- Al Skucas presented a letter that Trails BC has received from Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding the Provincial vision for rail trails. The Provincial vision for rail trail use was affirmed in this letter and the letter was reviewed in part at this meeting. Al Skucas made a suggestion that this provincial vision for rail trails be added to the Working Groups terms of reference.
- Little tunnel is a key issue for access especially for the elderly and disabled.
- Tennessee will look into the status of the private land from the Little Tunnel to more or less Glen Fir in order to explore all possible access options for Little tunnel. This review will include looking into potential access options from the North Naramata road up to little tunnel (a road exists for a short section that may offer a partial solution).
- Tennessee will investigate the Right of Way width of the KVR at the Glenfir switchback to determine private / public land boundaries.
- The Province (represented by Rec Sites and Trails BC) returned \$200,000.00 in funding after the September 18, 2012 public meeting. These funds may or may not be replaced in the next fiscal cycle and this represents a loss to the rail trail.
- Rail trail for motorized community is more of an access corridor than a riding destination experience.
- There is a need for clarity from Province on highway vehicles on rail trails. It is difficult for the Working Group to do their job without this clarity.
- The primary vision for rail trails continues to be the Provincial vision as described in the letter to Trails BC described above.

- Discussion on the definition of a highway under the motor vehicle act.
- There is a need to summarize the state of rail trails considering regional perspectives, ICBC , road use concerns etcetera.
- ATV-BC cannot support highway vehicles on rail trails.
- Working Group should continue support of concept document and take baby steps in implementation only where there is a broad base of community support.
- There was a discussion on development of the portion of KVR between little tunnel and the Naramata boundary.
- The “Keep Our KVR Trail Accessible to All” (KOKATA) group that emerged after the public meeting of September 18, 2012 has requested to join the Working Group.

At 7 pm a KOKATA delegation of 4 (Gary Dicken, Bob Pereira, Jim Permain, Lorna Boulton) attended the Working Group meeting to discuss their concerns with the draft concept plan.

- There is a need to better define motorized use in the context of On-highway and Off-highway motorized vehicles in the concept plan.
- Access to features (little tunnel, adra tunnel, chute lake, rock ovens regional park) is the key concern for KOKATA. The key access concern for KOKATA is little tunnel especially for senior and the disabled. KOKATA sees access from Glenfir to little tunnel as a viable compromise.
- The regional vision for a first class rail trail from Myra Canyon to Oliver is a key driver for this initiative.
- KOKATA suggested paving sections for shared use.
- KOKATA wants to have its membership represented on the Naramata KVR Users Working Group.
- There is a need to more clearly identify where on-highway vehicles can go on shared use routes in the concept plan.
- KOKATA suggested that they could support the draft concept plan if an access solution to little tunnel can be found.
- The Working Group committed to sharing recommendations or implementation plans with KOKATA before implementing.

At 9pm the KOKATA delegation left the meeting and the Working Group meeting continued.

- RDOS would like to see speed limit signs on the KVR for motorized traffic gone.
- There was a decision for the Naramata KVR Users Working Group to endorse closing the KVR to motorized traffic between little tunnel and Naramata. This endorsement is supported by the RDOS, the Naramata Parks and Rec commission, the Province of BC, Rec Sites and Trails BC and the Woodwackers. A request will be submitted through the Provincial Trails manager to make this use designation. This use designation is contingent on solving access concerns for disabled people and elderly people to little tunnel. Alternative accesses to little tunnel will be investigated.

Draft Minutes for Naramata KVR Users Working Group

Date: September 10, 2012

Location: Naramata Centre

Participants:

Justin Shuttleworth	RDOS
Mark Woods	RDOS
Andrew Drouin	non-motorized, local representative
Terry Wardrop	ATV-BC
Phil Young	motorized, local representative
Ken Anderson	motorized, local representative
Craig Henderson	non-motorized local representative
Lyle Resh	Naramata Woodwackers
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1. Determination of agenda for meeting
 - a. Plan for public meeting
 - b. Refine concept document
2. September 18 Public Meeting considerations
 - a. Need large wall maps for public meeting
 - b. Discussion of steep sections of shared use options on each side of Robinson Creek which may present challenges to novice riders. Options to build sustainable, low-angle trails do exist and will be investigated as part of developing viable alternatives.
 - c. Discussion around enforcement. The Working Group does support the concept but there will have to be a significant compliance and enforcement effort to ensure user patterns are consistent with the plan.
 - d. A need for more staging areas for motorized use and better connectors on some sections of the alternative route was noted. Some of these options will be investigated by Lyle, Ken and Craig in the coming days. Alternative routing must be viable and of sufficient quality as per the terms of reference.
 - e. Signage is a key part of the development plan for all modes and must be clear and consistent.
 - f. Lyle Resh's comments about further alternatives including connector trails and staging areas should be considered by the Working Group. Further field review is required – see above.
3. Comments on the concept document
 - a. Detailed comments from Craig Henderson:
 - i. Page 3 ... "as a result of these challenges to development..."
 1. Craig prefers wording from July 27th draft paragraph
 - ii. Would like to see wording from section 9 (education plan) changed back to July 27 version – 'regional and local media'.

- iii. Under the “strategic direction” section point 1 currently reads “In partnership with motorized riders...”. Craig questioned the change in wording from ‘in consultation with’ the wording from the July 27 draft.
 - b. Comments from Al Skucas:
 - i. The word displacement (in context of cyclist use) is key to the current situation and should be used in the document. Displacement of cyclists due to increasing use by the motorized sector should be mentioned but should be noted as an unintentional effect.
 - ii. The Provincial vision for the trail should be included
 - 1. Provincial vision for rail trails in BC is not clear
 - c. Comments from Terry Wardrop
 - i. He generally agrees with the wording in the concept development plan but suggested that the wording be reconsidered to be more inclusive of the motorized sector. Terry also suggested that a paragraph be added describing why ATV users want access to rail trails.
 - d. Comments from Lyle Resh
 - i. Need to add more trail connectors and staging areas for motorized users so that the options presented them are attractive.
- 4. Public meeting format
 - a. John Hawkings will open the meeting and provide a presentation (approximately 30 minutes total) to give the context of rail trails in the province and the intention of the Working Group.
 - b. Mark to approach Area Director to determine if she is available to facilitate/moderate
 - c. Questions and comments will then be taken from the audience.
 - d. Need a microphone in the middle of the room for questions from the audience.
 - e. A second laptop with a projector should be running with google earth and trail data shown so that specific trail areas under discussion can be reviewed by all.
 - f. Need 4 wall maps of the concept plan.
 - g. The Working Group will sit at the front of the room to field potential questions and to show unanimity.
 - h. Need to provide a comment sheet for the public meeting that will allow people to submit written comments. There should be several locations in the room which will allow people to do that.

Draft Agenda for Naramata KVR Users Working Group

February 6~~7~~, 2013 6-9 pm~~(to be determined)~~

Meet at Naramata Centre, North Wing (same location as previous WG meetings)~~location to be determined~~

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Discussion topics:

1. Quick review of Working Group terms of reference
2. Brief update from all members
3. Review public meeting, feedback
4. Discuss the Keep Our KVR Trail Accessible to All (KOKATA) group concerns, goals and results from December 12, 2012 meeting with the group.
 - a. KOKATA does not believe the NKVR UWG is balanced in terms of motorized versus non-motorized users
 - b. It appears as though vehicular access to Little Tunnel is a primary KOKATA concern
 - c. KOKATA made a request to officially join the NKVRUWG
5. Traffic / speed limit signage on KVR between Arawana and Chute Lake
6. Juniper road – let WG know about changes adjacent the KVR there
7. Determine approach for NKVRUWG in 2013 and how to achieve the goal of a functional rail trail network.

We will invite a delegation of KOKATA to the latter part of our WG meeting to make a presentation. The intention is to hear their concerns and goals and to begin a constructive conversation on how to move forward.

It may be of value for each WG member to talk for a couple of minutes on their experience and motivations for involvement in this Rail Trail conflict resolution process.

Naramata KVR Users W.G.

Date Dec 20, 2012

Conference Call.

- Missing Phil, Ken, Mark Woods

2 things -

- KOKATA Meeting Update.

- Requesting seat at table on W.G.

- Committee unbalanced

- Continue dialogue w KOKATA.

- access to Little Tunnel primary
Craig - phased approach on gradual Highway,
Vehicle restrictions?

Lyle - Little Tunnel - problem because it is
accessed by KVR only.

Terry - Highway designation poses problem -
does the plan as presented provide enough
input for local users.

Lyle agrees that W.G. can meet with
KOKATA but not joining W.G.

Phil - need better local input for W.G.

Mark - Need clarity from KOKATA on
exactly what they want.

- Can't rush to solutions; must just continue
dialogue.

- other options via BC Parks (Keith Burt)
PSTBC (John Gaspere).

Al Stewart - Narrow scope of committee to deal
with highway vehicles (w/ convert trail to road)

Lyle - KOKATA kept at John

Mark - need good leadership

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Andrew - Being in ~~ATF~~ John Glespie,
MOTI, Forest Service →
- Meeting in early February in W&G,
and KOKATTA.

January 3, 2013