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Quad Riders Association of British Columbia

NEWSLETTER

May 2009



Provincial Trails Strategy  
Update

Lower Mainland Land Use  
by Bruce Shott

## Child Safety Program Begins

## \$25 Million Trail Development Strategy Announcement



**Terry Wardrop**

Land Use and Communications Coordinator  
Quad Riders ATV Associations of BC

On June 24 2008 Terry Wardrop of the ATVBC office in Kamloops made arrangements with John Hawkings , the Provincial Trails Manager to meet with the three lower mainland ATV Clubs . Two representatives from each club ,Lower Mainland ATV Club [LMATV] , Valley Trail Riders ATV Club [VTR] and the Explorers ATV Club met with Terry Wardrop and John Hawkings . The agenda for this meeting was to introduce John to the challenges that the lower mainland clubs face and to develop a program to address the riding issues in and around the Lower Mainland area . This was a proactive session with all three clubs inputting their riding concerns .

Next meeting was held Sept 11 2008 . The Committee established areas of riding concern ,Harrison FSR East and West ,Hemlock Valley, Sylvester Road , the Coquahala Corridor [Carolyn ,Larson and Coldwater areas] and loop trail from Larson ,Carolyn to Boston Bar . Due rumors of the Harrison West FSR possibly being up graded or paved as a alternate route for the Olympics in Whistler , the West Harrison was chosen . Sept 27 2008 a group from the committee set out to GPS and document possible day use areas for parking and RV sites for over night camping .

Due to unseasonable weather for Vancouver things slowed down and the next meeting was held on Feb 4 2009 ..Two groups had been to establish to explore the possibilities along the West Harrison FSR . The first group established 12 possible sites for development from Weaver Creek Hatchery to the north end of Harrison Lake . The second group concentrated on the Brett Creek area approximately 12 km north on the Harrison FSR from Weaver Creek Hatchery . Of the dozen sites it was decided to pick three that could be done fairly quickly and with minimum cost . The three are the Weaver Creek Hatchery area for day parking ,Weaver Lake Rec Site for day use and RV camping and Brett Creek for a new day use and ATV style RV/camping .

Feb 12 2009 Meeting,First order of business was to establish a name for this committee and South Western AT Trails Committee or [SWATTC] was picked .Mike Peters ,Chilliwack Rec Officer , attended this meeting and with his suggestion the group is going to contact the First Nations leader in the area to keep them up to date . Next was to prioritize our objectives . Mike Peters informed us that the Weaver Lake Rec site was on his list for improvements ,but Brett Creek would have to wait until next year .

At the Feb 25 2009 meeting with Mike Peters and John Hawkings , John was brought up to date with our proposals . He made some suggestions to help put this forward to Tourism Ministry and the First Nations . At this time we are waiting for funds from the Provincial and Federal Governments to proceed .

Bruce Shott  
Explorers ATV Club

# PROVINCIAL Trails Strategy

The ATV communities are trail enthusiasts and for us the most important initiative that the Provincial Government has underway is the Provincial Trails Strategy.

ATV/BC has been involved in the development of this strategy since its inception November 2007. Upon completion of the draft document and with the approval of the Trail Strategy Committee the draft was presented to the public for consultation and review. The process was Province wide with 11 public meetings spread throughout the province along with provisions for structured input from the public. Here are some interesting statistics:

- Over 1250 people attended the eleven regional Public sessions
- 168 attended the eleven inter-agency meetings
- 27 attended the meetings with First nations
- 262 written submissions were received.
- 121 used the feedback forms
- 141 were received as letters, notes or formal submissions.
- Comments made by participants at the meetings were formally captured.

This resulted in 334 pages of comments reduced into a 57 page summary resulting in a 13 page list of recommended changes. The draft strategy was only 43 pages. A daunting task, but at the final meeting on March 5 which I attended, the Committee completed its task. The Strategy will

now be presented to government for approval and then made available to the public. To be honest the majority of the work was done by the consultants in whom I have full confidence. I had the privilege of working with 2 of them before I retired thus I am fully aware of the quality of their work.

It would be nice if I could list all the changes that were made as some changes are significant to some but not to others but in the context of the whole document they are all significant. What is important is that no sector gained anything over another except mutual respect. The end result was balanced logical with consideration of each sport. It emphasized the need for balanced collaborative planning and local solutions. It recognized the need for mutual respect between users which lend support to the adage "opportunities for all trail users but not every trail for every user". The environment and trail sustainability were paramount in the final strategy. The only area where motorized sports were singled out was the recognition of the need for ORV legislation and policy which is supported by our Association.

In my opinion the Staff of the Recreation Sites and Trails Division has done an exemplary job of leading in the development of this strategy and whether one agree with it or not they deserve our thanks. The final document will be completed some time in the future and I will let you know when it is available.

I believe the next steps in the development of a Provincial Trails network for the benefit of all users be they motorized or non motorized will be as exciting as this phase.



# Children's Safety Program Begins

ATV/BC is excited to announce that the ATV/BC child safety program is set to begin. In 2008, ATV/BC applied for a grant from COHV to develop a program to teach children safety while riding an ATV. This program was to teach the children in the classroom in a one hour session. In 2008 ATV/BC hired a teaching professional to develop the curriculum and related materials including a work book for the students.

In 2009 ATV/BC applied for two more grants working towards the same goal of teaching safety to the students. Train the Trainers program was developed with the goal of teaching ATV members how to instruct children using the developed curriculum.

"Road Health North" Grant, a program for Northern BC has been approved and the 1st Vice President Jeff Mohr is in charge, he is in the process of asking the clubs from Prince George North for members who want to be ATV/BC instructors for the Children's Safety Program, at the present time there are six opening for the Train the Trainers Program for the North.

Anyone interested please contact Jeff at [jbobtail@shaw.ca](mailto:jbobtail@shaw.ca) or 250-964-9808.

"Train the Trainers" program a grant from COHV has been approved and will take place in Kamloops this spring. ATV/BC is asking for anyone who wishes to take this program to become a children's safety instructor to contact Bev Felske Director in order to have a space reserved for them. There are 6 spaces in this program waiting to be filled. [Felske@telus.net](mailto:Felske@telus.net) 604-942-4603 or 250-456-2265

For both Programs the persons participating will have their expenses paid, to travel, accommodation and meals via the grant.

"Road Health North" – seminar to be held in Prince George in late April or early May.

"Train the Trainers" – seminar to be held in Kamloops in late May or early June.

## Qualifications:

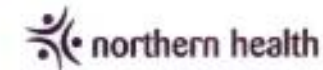
- A person who is interested in teaching the students ATV safety in a school classroom.
- A person who has the time to schedule two classroom seminars per year, more if they wish for a minimum of two years.
- A person who is used to public speaking and dealing with children.
- A person who loves to ride an ATV and wants to share their passion with children.
- A person who is a member of ATV/BC

**For more information please contact Jeff or Bev. ASAP**



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March 2, 2009

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Dear Elly

Thank you for submitting your proposal to the RoadHealth coalition. We are pleased to inform you that your organization has been awarded \$5,000.00 and that the cheque is enclosed.

Your organization's dedication to road safety and the activities of your project will be of benefit to all of us as we work together to make travelling on our roadways a positive experience for all road users.

I will be contacting you to further discuss the use of this project as a pilot. We do require a report of the activities and results once the project is completed. And we'd really appreciate pictures!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the numbers below. Good luck with your project!

Sincerely,

MaryAnne Arcand  
RoadHealth Coordinator

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**Zan Boyle**  
President

## PM Announces \$25 million Trails Infrastructure Funding

The Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition was proud to have been chosen to aid in the logistics of the Prime Minister's visit and to have been chosen as the venue for the Announcement of the Federal Government's \$25 million Trails Infrastructure announcement of its contribution to match Funding from the Canadian Trails Coalition.

On a very exciting note, in this video you will see Prime Minister Harper arriving at the trail in Wilmot, this was his first time driving a snowmobile, also in an even bigger first for a trail group in the Valley, you will see James Franks presenting Prime Minister Harper with his lifetime Membership to the Annapolis County Trails Society, which was graciously accepted.

The event had representation from ATVANS, SANS, NSORRA, Hike Nova Scotia, The Canadian Trails Coalition, the Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition, Annapolis County Trails Society, Nova Scotia Trails Federation, as well as walkers, dogs, horses, skiers, a trail groomer and snow shoers.

The event truly reflected what makes Nova Scotia a leading venue in Outdoor Recreation, with the Trans Canada Trail as the backdrop and snow falling crisply we were able to show off to Canada what we live everyday without taking for granted.

A great time was had by all and the Prime Minister and his numerous support staff and officials said that it was one of the better managed and enjoyed events and locations they had worked on in years. The media were ushered in on the Trans Canada Trail on a team of draft horses and sleigh.

I will be distributing more pics etc. to the members as they become available

Great Job everyone!!

<http://www.novanewsnow.com/article-311137-Harper-stops-in-Wilmot.html>

Rick Jacques



WINNIPEG - Manitoba should ban ATVs from some Crown land, charge drivers for environmental damage and seize their wheels if they don't comply.

Those are some of the recommendations from an internal report commissioned by the government on all-terrain vehicles. The number of ATVs has exploded in Manitoba, nearly doubling in the last five years.

The government did an internal review of ATVs last summer following several multimillion-dollar forest fires blamed on hot debris from ATV mufflers.

The report, obtained by The Canadian Press, says all Crown land should be reviewed to determine where to ban ATVs and suggests drivers pay up if they cause any damage.

It also recommends amending the law so officials can confiscate ATVs from irresponsible drivers.

[http://ca.news.yahoo.com/s/capress/090406/national/mba\\_atv\\_crackdown](http://ca.news.yahoo.com/s/capress/090406/national/mba_atv_crackdown)

What happens in other provinces could happen here as well.

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