November 22, 2022

To the Mayor and Council, City of Prince George,

Please accept this request for letters of support for two separate but related applications for funding from the B.C. Destination Development Fund.

The Association of Caledonia TrailBuilders (ACT) is collaborating with Tabor Mountain Recreation Society (TMRS) to develop a 35-kilometre network of single-track trails with appropriate staging areas on the west face of Tabor Mountain, 20 minutes from downtown Prince George. The proposed trail network starts at the top of Tabor Mountain just below the telecommunication towers and descends 525 metres to Groveburn Road at the bottom of the mountain on the east side of Tabor Lake.

This network of non-motorized trails will offer mountain bikers, hikers, runners, and snowshoers an outstanding outdoor recreational opportunity. In doing so, it takes pressure off some of the heavily used sites within Prince George city limits. It will increase Prince George's profile as a destination for mountain bike tourism and enhance the attractiveness of the Highway 16 corridor for this activity. Recreation Sites and Trails BC authorized and supports the development of these trails. The project also has the formal support of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose traditional territory it is located, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, and Tourism PG.

Trail development began in Spring, 2022 and to this point 6.5 kilometres of high quality, environmentally friendly single-track trail have been constructed. Around two thousand hours of volunteer labour has so far gone into this project, and significant grants from Northern Development Initiative Trust and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George allowed ACT and TMRS to hire two local contractors to assist with trail construction.

To continue developing the Tabor Mountain Trails project in 2023, ACT and TMRS will be applying for two grants from the B.C. Destination Development Fund.

The Association of Caledonia TrailBuilders is applying to the B.C. Destination Development Fund for funding to continue non-motorized single-track trail construction in 2023 and 2024.

Tabor Mountain Recreation Society is applying to the B.C. Destination Development Fund for funding to develop a staging area with parking, an accessible outhouse and picnic tables, and information kiosk at the base of the trail network beside Groveburn Road.

Both organizations are seeking separate letters of support from the City of Prince George for their applications to the B.C. Destination Development Fund.

Sincerely,

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