

February 7, 2023

City of Prince George 1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

Attention Mayor and Council:

RE: Pidherny aMTB Access Upgrades; Resolution of Support

The Prince George Cycling Club (PGCC) has been working the last few years to develop a network of trails (Talladega Knight & Honeyshuttle) suitable for adaptive mountain bikes (aMTB) at Pidherny Recreation Site.

Currently, adaptive cyclists can only access these trails from the lower parking lot by riding on motorized user trails (former forestry roads) for over 2km. We are looking to improve access to these aMTB trails from both the upper and lower parking lots by upgrading two existing trails (Ridge Trail & Easy Street).

This project will provide much needed safety and mobility upgrades. Upgrades to Ridge Trail will provide access the entire way from the upper parking lot to the top of Talladega Knight and Honeyshuttle, while upgrades to Easy Street will reduce road access by approximately 1km from the lower parking lot. These upgrades will consist of widening the existing trails and bridges, along with addressing drainage and grade issues.

The estimated cost of this project is \$146,000. In 2022, we received a grant from Community Foundations of Canada-Healthy Communities Initiative which covers approximately 31% of the total project cost, so we are planning to complete upgrades to Ridge Trail in spring/summer 2023; a local contractor will be donating services to upgrade the first 700m of trail, and we have a Request for Proposal in progress to select a contractor to upgrade the remaining 2,100m.

The City of Prince George supports the Prince George Cycling Club's application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to \$100,000 to upgrade existing trails to make them suitable for adaptive cyclists at Pidherny Recreation Site under the Recreation Infrastructure program.

Sincerely,
Prince George Cycling Club

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