



BUILDING AND MAINTAINING
TRAILS FOR HUMAN-POWERED
MOVEMENT

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To Mayor and Council, City of Prince George,

In late January the Association of Caledonia TrailBuilders' (ACT) will be applying to Northern Development Initiative Trust's (NDIT) Recreation Infrastructure Program for a \$70,000 grant to continue the development of a non-motorized trail network on Tabor Mountain.

ACT is hopeful Mayor and Council will provide a letter of support to strengthen this application containing the following statement: *"The City of Prince George Mayor and Council support the application for grant funding by the Association of Caledonia TrailBuilders to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Recreation Infrastructure Program for continued development of the Tabor Mountain Trails Project."*

Background

In 2022 ACT received the support of the Lheidli T'enneh and Recreation Sites and Trails BC to begin construction of 37 kilometres of non-motorized single-track trails on Tabor Mountain. To date, ACT has developed almost 16 kilometres of trail. It is also restoring some little used "heritage" trails on Tabor by brushing, improving drainage, and providing crossings over streams and wet areas. The trails are balanced to provide exciting riding opportunities for beginner, intermediate, advanced and adaptive riders.

Though primarily intended for mountain biking, the Tabor trails are proving popular with other non-motorized trail users like hikers, snowshoers, and trail runners. Recreation Sites and Trails BC trail counter data from June, July, and August 2024 counted 3,942 people using one popular trail. Although a significant number of these hits would have been two-way trips, the numbers demonstrate a high level of use by the outdoor recreation community.

As the Tabor Mountain Bike Trail Network develops, it provides benefits to Prince George. It supports Tourism PG's "Basecamp to The North" and "Ride North" initiatives by enhancing our city's reputation as a mountain bike destination. It supports community health by providing a new and distinct venue for non-motorized recreation. Further, by increasing available opportunities for mountain biking and other human-powered sports, the Tabor trails contribute to the perception that Prince George is a good place to live and work, helping retain young professionals and others who are attracted by the area's recreation opportunities.

Sincerely,

Dan Domes

President, Association of Caledonia TrailBuilders

On the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh