



To Whom it may concern,

The Prince George Cycling Club / Prince George Mountain Biking Association is excited to announce our proposal to develop a flow trail at Pidherny Recreation Site in Prince George, BC. Our proposed trail will be adaptive friendly and accommodate differently abled riders. This will be the first adaptive trail in Northern British Columbia, and we want it to be in our backyard!

The Prince George Cycling Club (PGCC) is a non-profit society based in Prince George, BC. The purpose of the PGCC is to promote the sport of bicycling in all forms and provide its members with a supportive social network for cycling. We could not take on such a project without the support of our community and members.

Background

An adaptive trail is an initiative to make the cycling community more inclusive. This trail will accommodate adaptive mountain bikes such as trike bikes and hand bikes for differently abled riders. The need for more family-friendly, inclusive, and accessible outdoor activities has never been more critical as it is now during these unprecedented times. The PGCC has strived to make Pidherny a destination for the local population, as well as tourists travelling to the area. Over the years, the PGCC has undertaken several projects to ensure the safe, environmentally sound, and sustainable development of mountain biking trails within Pidherny.

PGCC has conferred with Adaptive Cycling BC on this initiative. Adaptive riders can bike the Upper Access and Honey Shuttle trails but have no other options to enjoy the sport. Our proposal for a new adaptive flow trail will provide a fun, inclusive loop for all cyclists to enjoy at Pidherny. We want to ensure that all members of our community can enjoy the facilities and trails at Pidherny. The PGCC has recently secured funding to provide accessible facilities at the top parking lot of Pidherny. These will include a new outhouse, picnic table, and bench that will all be accessible!

Based on our previous experience developing trails in Prince George and working with New Route, we established an opinion of probable cost for the proposed flow trail. We have determined that this project can be completed for approximately \$95,000. While this is a substantial investment at Pidherny, we believe that the proposed trail will provide countless users access to the trail and improve the accessibility of our trail network. The benefits to our riding community will include users of the Learn to Ride Program, adaptive cyclists, tourists exploring the area, and our own local riders that are dedicated to Pidherny's trail infrastructure.

In order to secure our goal amount of up to \$95,000 we will be applying for the NDIT recreation facilities grant. Funds will be dispersed from NDIT's Prince George Regional Development Account.

We kindly ask for a resolution of support from the City of Prince George stating that they support our project and value what it will bring to the community.

Sincerely,

Devon Budd
Director of Pidherny