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Subject: Issues - Parking Along Highways North of Rossland

TO: Jack Richardson, City Clerk: cityclerk@rossland.ca
City of Rossland Council & Staff

FROM: Friends of the Rossland Range Society

DATE: January 7, 2006

RE: [Parking at Trailheads Along Provincial Highways North of Rossland](#)

Insufficient winter parking at trailheads along Hwy's 3B & 3 north of Rossland is growing as an issue. Such parking is needed for safe access to many recreational activities such as cross country skiing, use of the many informal "Booty-type" huts and shelters, snowmobiling, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing and the like. These activities are currently extensive and are growing in popularity. The area is unique in providing excellent highway access to user friendly backcountry and it is a major recreation and lifestyle asset and economic driver, not only for the Rossland area, but also the entire West Kootenay –Boundary region.

Minimal plowing of trail head parking has been done in the past, but barely adequate given the increased usage each year. This year, the plowing has been reduced and we understand some written warnings have been issued to persons parking along the edge of the highway.

We have made some informal inquiries of Emcon (the local highway maintenance contractor) and the local Provincial Ministry of Transportation staff. Apparently, there is no budget for such plowing and in previous years the service was done as a goodwill gesture.

We believe safe parking and access off the highways at trailheads is important to our community and the region's health, safety, economy and well-being. Ultimately, we seek wider parking areas at trailheads that are level; this to provide more parking and greater ease of plowing. In the meantime, we hope the plowing of recent years can be reinstated and improved. We expect that this will involve one, or more provincial Government ministries and the efforts of regional municipal governments and user groups.

This note is to inform City Council and staff of this matter and of the interest of the Friends of the Rossland Range (see below). We would appreciate any advice or support toward both short and long-term improvements.

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The Friends of the Rossland Range Society
Our Mission

The Friends of the Rossland Range seeks to promote and foster understanding, appreciation and stewardship of the Rossland Range among residents and visitors through educational and recreational activities and other projects.

We seek sharing of the limited alpine lands in the Rossland Range among historical users while giving full consideration to wildlife and environmental values.

Our Goals, Activities, Programs and Services

Establish the Old Glory Alpine for non-motorized recreation activity and preservation of its value as the community watershed, and its visual landscape, wildlife, environmental and recreation values.

Other goals, activities, programs and services as are consistent with the FORR Constitution, may be determined by the Board and membership from time to time and as further detailed on our website www.rosslandrange.org