

Dear Premier Campbell and Honourable Ministers:

Letter Ideas

Re: Community-based recreational planning for the Rossland Range, leading to Higher Level Plan to guide land use.

The Corporation of the City of Rossland, by resolution of Council, asks that you provide resources and facilitation for a community-based, multi-stakeholder planning process in the Rossland Range.

The process would be propelled by the need to clarify the relationships between recreational user groups and tenure holders, but would include all other key stakeholders, such as forest and mineral tenure holders.

The purpose of the process would be to provide certainty for user groups and tenure holders in the Rossland Range, so that Rossland and other nearby communities can most effectively make use of our “backyard” in attracting visitors and new residents.

We see a sound plan for the Rossland Range as an important economic development tool for the surrounding communities.

The City of Rossland has recently completed a public process directed at creating a Strategic Plan and a new Official Community Plan. In the Strategic Plan, the community recognized the importance of looking beyond our municipal boundaries. We believe a land use plan for the Rossland Range, with an emphasis on recreation and tourism, would add immense value to our local plans.

We understand that the Friends of the Rossland Range, a non-profit society concerned with community values represented in the Rossland Range, will be conveying this request to you, along with more detailed information about the scope and nature of the proposed process. (The Friends of the Rossland Range will also be providing letters of support from other key stakeholders such as forest tenure holders, businesses and user groups.)

In any event, given the high level of support in our community for the proposed plan, and the (rapidly closing) window of opportunity presented by planning before the Rossland Range becomes over-committed, we expect that the overall cost of our request will be minimal, i.e. in the order of the cost of public consultation in revising an OCP. As well, it may be that our request lies at least in part within the scope of the planning activities already tasked to staff in the appropriate Ministries.

We look forward to your consideration of this matter. If you wish further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

Yours truly.....etc.