



March 4, 2008

Columbia Basin Trust
Environmental Initiatives Program
445-13th Ave, Suite 300
Castlegar, BC V1N 1G1
(Delivered with Rossland Rotary Small Grants Application)

Re: Support for Rossland Rotary's Grant Application

We support the proposed Rossland Rotary project to foster community awareness and utilization of the Visions to Action Strategic Sustainability Plan ("SSP") which was finalized in January, 2008.

We believe that the Rossland Rotary project will improve the possibility that the numerous priorities stated in the SSP to reduce future human impacts in the regional ecosystem would be incorporated into future planning and other activities of local decision-makers. We believe that the proposed project will increase environmental public education and awareness through increased hands-on community involvement in creating a sustainable Rossland community.

The proposed Rossland Rotary project is consistent with FORR's Mission statement below:

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.

FORR directors were among the numerous volunteers and we actively participated in creation of the SSP. We strongly support many of the goals and strategic actions listed and FORR is listed as a participant in several of the strategic actions.

Finally, implementation of the SSP's ecosystem conservation and stewardship actions will be greatly facilitated if a larger portion of the community is educated, aware, engaged and therefore empowered to ensure that these ecological/environmental priorities are included in local planning decisions.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments and approval of the Rossland Rotary small grant application.

for the Friends of the Rossland Range Directors: _____

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