



April 14, 2008

Mr. Bruce Mac Donald
Fisheries and Oceans, Pacific Region
Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch
118 McDonald Drive
Nelson, B.C. V1L 6B9

Dear Mr. Mac Donald:

The Friends of the Rossland Range Society was formed in January of 2004.

The Society's Constitution states that the purposes of the society are:

- (a) To educate people within our region about the economic and health benefits of retaining natural areas with their ecosystems intact;
- (b) To advocate for non-motorized recreational use (both public and commercial) and protection of the natural attributes and wildlife of the Rossland Range and the surrounding region;
- (c) To influence land use policy in this area for the benefit of the community;
- (d) To carry on any activity that advances the purposes stated above.

The lands within the area generally defined as the Rossland Range includes the Rossland community watershed. We are concerned that the City of Rossland does not have a Watershed Management Plan, and are further concerned that a draft plan created in 2002 was based on incomplete historical data from 1993 or earlier and that no new comprehensive studies were undertaken.

We request that we be recognized by MoE Water Stewardship Division as a stewardship group for the Rossland community watershed, and that the FORR be notified whenever there are issues appropriate for public consultation.

Regards,

Sheree Sonfield, Director

CC: FORR Directors

Mr. Gordon Smith, Mayor, City of Rossland

Mr. Ron Campbell, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Rossland

Mr. Mike Maturo, Manager of Planning and Development Services, City of Rossland

Mr. Mike Thomas, Manager of Engineering, City of Rossland