

Okanagan Rail Trail Governance

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- ▶ Owners
 - ► RDNO
 - District of Lake Country
 - ► OKIB
 - City of Kelowna
- ► Stakeholder Jurisdictions
 - City of Vernon
 - District of Coldstream
- ► Facilitated meeting November 2017
 - Set framework for moving forward



- ► Key points of discussion
 - Shared vision
 - Coordination issues
 - ► Independent or together
 - Communication
 - Suggestions for next Interjurisdictional committee



IDT Working Vision

- ▶ Vision
 - Recreational trail that excludes motorized vehicles
 - ► Ensure the right of public access along the entire ORT
 - Provide a basic level of trail development
 - Ensure basic and consistent wayfinding
 - Protect the right of way for long term development of a continuous multi-modal transportation corridor

► Allowed for acquisition and initial development



Elected Leaders Feedback

- Wayfinding vital
- ▶ World class trail
- Public facilities coordinated
- ► Recognition of different users in different areas
- ► Linking ORT to other trails in region
- ► Linking private sector investment
- Coordinated maintenance standard to support projected use
- Link to transit
- Attract visitors, but focus on local citizens



- Proposed Vision (statement)
 - Develop and manage a world class rail trail
 - ► Links communities
 - Provide range of recreational, transportation, tourism, and event opportunities
 - Community level trails and other regional trails will be integrated
 - Well-designed facilities along the rail trail
 - including private
 - Coordinated approach
 - Owner jurisdictions will retain decision-making authority
 - Long term opportunity: multi-modal transportation corridor



- ▶ Coordination vs independent
 - Oversight, monitoring, and management
 - ▶ Planning for long term development of the ORT
 - Design and construction
 - Regulation of uses and activities on the ORT
 - Maintenance and operations
 - Wayfinding and interpretive facilities
 - ► External communications and public relations
 - Programming and special events
 - Marketing and branding
 - Fundraising



- Agreement to work in an Interjurisdictional manner
- ▶ IDT Terms of Reference successful
 - ▶ Base for ongoing committee



New Committee

- ▶ New Terms of Reference
 - No change
 - ► Fundamental governance structure
 - Process
 - Focus on interjurisdictional coordination
 - Decision making rests with independent Council
- ▶ Transition to operation
 - Engages
 - User groups
 - Marketing organization
 - Private sector
 - Events
- ► Appointed staff member required to provide communication to respective Council



New Committee

- ▶ Resolutions
 - Receive report and approve interjurisdictional terms of reference
 - Cessation of IDT Committee
 - ▶ June 30, 2018
 - Appointment of staff



Questions?

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