

Committee of the Whole

Date: Wednesday January 11, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

ADDENDUM

Addition: Item 4(b)

Letter from the Hope Mountain Centre

Re: Funding Support For Summer Trail Crew, 2023-24

Staff seeking Council's direction.

<u>Original Signed by Donna Bellingham</u> Director of Corporate Services



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District of Hope 325 Wallace Street Box 609, Hope, BC V0X 1L0

Dear Budget Committee;

Re: Funding Support For Summer Trail Crew, 2023-24

On behalf of Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning (HMCOL), I would like to thank the District of Hope for financial support provided to our Summer Trail Crew over the last four years.

From 2019-2022, DoH has provided a total of \$124,998.

Using DoH funds as leverage, HMCOL was able to raise an additional \$227,309 from various sources over the last four years, greatly magnifying the amount of work that could get done.

DoH funding has played a crucial role in maintaining 18 different trails in the Hope area, providing safe and enjoyable recreation for residents and visitors. In addition to maintenance, two new trails have been constructed, adding to the beauty and diversity of Hope's recreation network.

Looking ahead to 2023-24, Hope Mountain Centre is requesting \$37,500 annually for the next two years (same amount as 2022). \$37,105 in matching funds has already been secured, and a further \$38,283 has been applied for in 2023.

With District support, Hope Mountain Centre will continue to build new trails while also ensuring existing trails are maintained for safe public enjoyment.

Yours Sincerely,

Kelly Pearce, Trails Director
Hope Mountain Centre
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