

Delegation Request

Submitted: Friday, September 7, 2018 - 12:05

Name of person speaking: Sharon Pickthorne

Organization you are representing: Back Country Horsemen of BC (BCHBC) - North Van Isl Chapter (NVI) liaison with CVRD and Director of Horse Council of BC (HCBC)

Primary purpose of the organization: BCHBC: collaborate to preserve and enhance use of public lands for equestrians. HCBC: representing BC Horse Industry since 1980

Number of members: 73,521

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Contact name: Sharon Pickthorne

Subject matter: Seal Bay Nature Park Management Plan update

Specific request of the regional district, if any (i.e. letter of support, funding):

1. Continued collaboration on multi-use trail initiatives with goal of continued access for equestrians.
2. Support for multi-use existing extended horse-bike trail to be re-routed/constructed away from the busy Bates road for the safety of everyone.
3. Support for re-routing existing horse-bike trail away from private property edge (Langlois Rd) for public safety and enhanced property privacy.
4. Request for parking enhancements on Mitchell//Elmo roads.

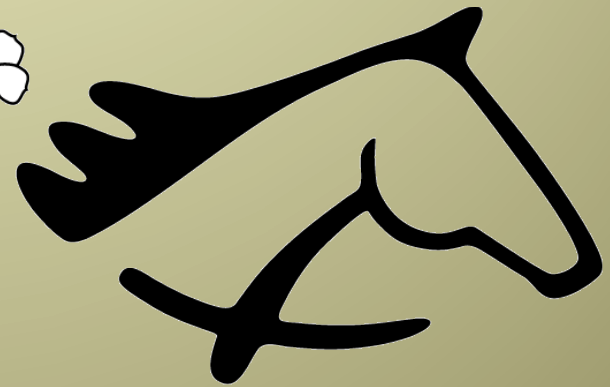
Requested meeting date: September 17, 2018

Audio-visual equipment needed: Laptop/projector/screen

Seal Bay Nature Park Management Plan Update

Presenter: Sharon Pickthorne

Back Country Horsemen of BC, N. Vancouver Island
Chapter liaison with CVRD parks department
Board Director for Horse Council BC



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Request of the Electoral Area Services Committee:

1. Continued collaboration on multi-use trail initiatives with goal of continued access for equestrians.
2. Support to re-route the multi-use extended horse-bike away from the busy Bates Road for the safety of everyone.
3. Support for re-routing existing horse-bike trail away from private property (Langlois Rd) for safety and enhanced property privacy.
4. Request for parking enhancements on Mitchell/Elmo roads.

Economic Interest

- Comox Valley has a rich history of farming and the use of horses
- The horse industry whether for business or pleasure is an important economic factor
- local farm and feed supply stores (4 major stores within the Comox Valley)
- hay sales, one horse will consume approx. 7300 pounds per year (150 bales), current market price is \$10.00/bale
- Farm equipment, trucks, trailers, trainers, farriers and veterinarians
- Property taxes on a 5 acre property may be \$3500.00/yr after homeowner grant

**Back Country Horsemen of BC – 900 members in 23
Chapters across BC, 75 in Comox Valley**



**Horse Council BC – 24,000 members in BC and
approx. 521 members in the Comox Valley**



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Seal Bay Park workbee 2018 BCHBC
14 volunteers 2 days, 47 hours general labour, 76
hours machine work



Request 1: EASC committee support to collaborate on multi-use trail initiatives for continued access for equestrians

BCHBC collaboration history with CVRD:

2010: One Spot Trail - volunteers construct 1/3 of new Trail

2013: One Spot Trail – bridge replacement

2014 2015: Wildwood – bridge upgrade & garbage removal

2016 & 2018: Seal Bay: volunteer workbees to improve trails



Request # 2 EASC support for 2019 budget priority to re-route multi-use horse-bike trail away from the existing 'Bates Road' shoulder



Request # 3 EASC support to re-route multi-use horse-bike trail away from the existing private property/fencing/running dogs (Langlois Rd)



Request # 4

EASC support for parking enhancements on Mitchell/Elmo and Hardy roads

