STAFF REPORT

RE: Front Counter Referral – Kootenay Columbia Trails Society
Date: January 31, 2018  File #: B-Twp 9A-10924.075
To: Chair Russell, and members of the Board of Directors
From: Ken Gobeil, Senior Planner

ISSUE INTRODUCTION

We have received a Front Counter BC referral regarding a Crown land application to legally establish two mountain biking trails, SMDA and Colonel, both of which are located east of King George Provincial Park. See Attachments.

HISTORY / BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Kootenay Columbia Trails Society (KCTS) is a registered non-profit society with a mandate to manage, maintain and develop non-motorized recreational trails throughout the greater Trail region. KCTS currently maintains over 60 distinct trails and over 160km of trail on both public and private land.

The Colonel and SMDA trails are adjacent to the King George VI Provincial Park. SMDA is a popular advanced level biking trail. Colonel is an intermediate trail. Both trails were not constructed by KCTS. The creators of these trails were unorganized groups that did not obtain permission prior to construction.

**PROPOSAL**

KCTS has made an application to the Ministry of Forests Lands Natural Resource and Rural Development to legally establish and maintain SMDA and Colonel Trails on Crown Land.

KCTS would like to take over the management of these trails and perform the regular inspections and maintenance. Part of this management includes obtaining permission for the trail from the Ministry of Forests Lands Natural Resource and Rural Development.

**IMPLICATIONS**

Passive non-commercial recreation areas (e.g. trails) are permitted in all zones in the Zoning Bylaw.

**ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION**

During the January 7, 2019 APC meeting, the referral was supported. The APC noted that they do not support illegal construction of trails.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors advise Front Counter BC that the referral regarding the establishment of two trails on the lands legally described as Subsidy Lot 147, Plan NEPX63, KD, Electoral Area 'B'/Lower Columbia-Old Glory is supported.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Site Location Map
Applicant Submission
Site Location Map

Referral Map
Kootenay Columbia Trails Society
"SMDA and Colonel Trail"

Date: 12/5/2018

Legend
- Colonel Trail
- SMDA Trail
- ALR Boundary

Zoning
- Residential 1 (R1)
- Residential 2 (R2)
- Manufactured Home Park (MHP)
- Comprehensive Development (CD1)
- Rural Residential 1 (RR1)
- Rural Residential 2 (RR2)
- Rural Residential 3 (RR3)
- Agricultural Resource 1 (AGR1)
- Agricultural Resource 2 (AGR2)
- Agricultural Resource 3 (AGR3)
- Drinking Water Resource 1 (DWR1)
- Drinking Water Resource 2 (DWR2)
- Rural Resource 1 (RUR1)
- Rural Resource 2 (RUR2)
- Rural Resource 3 (RUR3)
- Forest Resource (FR)
- Commercial (C)
- Industrial 1 (IN1)
- Industrial 2 (IN2)
- Industrial 3 (IN3)
- Industrial 4 (IN4)
- Industrial 5 (IN5)
- Industrial 6 (IN6)
- Parks and Recreation (PR)
- Conservation Area (CONS)
- Institutional and Community Facilities (ICF)
- Rail/Trail Corridor (RTC)
All applications must include a completed application form and for proposals involving ‘un-managed’ trails or facilities or new trail or facilities, application must include a general location map, a specific location map and submission of digital geo-spatial information as described in the Application Information and Guidelines associated with this Form. Incomplete applications will be returned.

### Part 1. Proponent Name and Contact Information

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<td>Email: <a href="mailto:stewspooner@telus.net">stewspooner@telus.net</a></td>
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### Part 2. General Proposal Description

**Purpose of proposed trail or recreation facility:**
The purpose of the proposed trail is provide single-track mountain biking experiences to local residents and visitors.

**Brief description of proposed trail or recreation facility:**
SMDA trail is a popular existing advanced-level single-track mountain biking specific trail. Colonel trail is a newly constructed intermediate-level single-track mountain biking specific trail. Both trails were constructed by enthusiastic community volunteers, without the authorization of the KCTS.

**Location of proposed trail or recreation facility:**

### This proposal is for: (refer to Application Information and Guidelines for explanation of proposal types)

1. **Authorization to construct, rehabilitate or maintain a trail or facility:**
   Maintain existing trails.
2. Consideration of a recreation trail or facility for designation under Section 56 of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*?

Yes

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**Part 3. Detailed Trail Description** (if proposing a recreation facility other than a trail, please use this space to further describe the proposed recreation facility)

**Approximate trail length**: SMDA trail: 6.6 km (3.5 km on Crown Land) and Colonel trail: 4.8 km (4.7km on Crown Land).

**Approximate trail width**: 0.50 m

**Proposed work start date**: Annual inspections and maintenance would commence in Spring 2019.

**Proposed work completion date**: n/a.

**Describe the anticipated or proposed trail uses**: SMDA trail is a popular existing mountain biking specific trail. Colonel trail is anticipated as a mountain biking specific trail.

**Is the proposed trail or recreation facility located in a community watershed?**

No.

**Identify any trail construction or maintenance guidelines or standards that will be followed when conducting works**: The Kootenay Columbia Trails Society builds trails to the highest standards of sustainability, consistent with guidelines published by the International Mountain Biking Association and the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

**Describe any significant water features including creeks, streams, rivers or wetlands the proposed trail might cross or potentially impact**: The proposed trail does not cross any significant water features.

**Digital geo-spatial information provided with application**

**Format**: Shape file  
**File name(s)**: SMDA and Colonel.

**Maps included**:
- Overview & General Location Map (Combined)
- Specific Location Map

(see Application Process Information Package for spatial data requirements and map requirements associated with this application)

**Part 4. Additional Information**
Describe any discussions or communications with potentially impacted stakeholders, interest holders or First Nations regarding this proposal:
Both trails were built by “un-authorized” community volunteers as dedicated mountain biking trails. SMDA was built in 2009, and extends 3.1km through King George VI Provincial Park. The KCTS has been negotiating with BC Parks to authorize the trail(s) through the Park since 2012, and recently (September 13th, 2018) received a letter of authorization to manage and maintain existing trails within the Park. Colonel trail was built between 2016 and 2018, and extends 100 meters through private property owned by Selkirk Mountain Forest, who recently (September 27th, 2018) authorized the short section of trail on their property.

Describe your or your organization’s capacity and commitment for ongoing maintenance of the proposed trail or recreation facility:
The Kootenay Columbia Trails Society is a registered non-profit society in BC which has been active since 1996. We have a mandate to manage, maintain and develop non-motorized recreational trails throughout the Greater Trail region and receive ongoing funding from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and the City of Rossland. We have an active 7 member volunteer board, a full-time operations manager, and a seasonal trail maintenance crew. The Society currently manages and maintains over 60 distinct trails and over 160km of trail, on both public and private land.

(attach additional pages as necessary)

Applicant Signature

Name: Stewart Spooner (KCTS Operations manager).

Date: 2018-10-01

NOTE: The information you provide will be subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions regarding the treatment of your personal information, please contact the Manager, Privacy, Information Access and Records Management.

The submission of this form does not in any manner convey any rights to use or occupy Crown land.

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