

BRVCA Trails Committee Terms of Reference

Vision:

A renowned, well-organized network of sustainable trails, with opportunities for all, which provides benefits for all trail users, community and visitors

A renowned trail network

Trails can be locally cherished, popular in a particular area or sought out by travellers; but when locals or visitors think about some of the best trail experiences, the Bridge River Valley should come to mind.

Well-organized network of sustainable trails

A well-organized network of sustainable trails balances environmental, social and economic values and ensures our trails are viable over the long term for future generations to enjoy.

Opportunities for all

Trails in the Bridge River Valley are enjoyed by a diverse range of users with a diverse set of recreation values. The Bridge River Valley trail network must provide opportunities for all user groups while fostering respect between the users and for the environment.

Benefits for trail users, community, and visitors

“To ensure support for trails, all members of the community must realize the benefits trails provide for all.”

Guiding Principles

The BRVCA Trails Program will be built based on the following guiding principles:

- Sound Environmental Stewardship and Management
- Respect and Recognition for the St’át’imc Nation’s Traditional Territories
- Mutual Respect between Trail Interests and Other Resource Users
- Respect and Understanding among Diverse Trail Interests
- Partnerships and Collaboration
- Secure Recreation Opportunities for All Trail Users
- Benefits for Resident’s, Community, and Visitors:
 - Community and Social, Health and Fitness, Economic, Educational, Heritage and Culture, and Greener Transportation

General Responsibilities:

As a Committee of the Bridge River Valley Community Association (BRVCA) the Trails Committee in accordance with the constitution and bylaws shall:

1. From a committee of no more than nine, elect annually a chairperson, secretary, and treasurer.
2. Following the models, procedures and guidelines established by the BRVCA, the committee is responsible for making any hiring or contract recommendations to the BRVCA executive, assuring that clear directions are given through written job descriptions, conducting personnel performance appraisals, and, where necessary, making recommendation to the executive for termination of employment and/or contracts.
3. Scheduling and publicizing 6 meetings per year.
4. The general purpose of meetings is ongoing review of operations and progress, including financial performance to budget. Committee meetings are open to the public; presentations will be received at the beginning of any scheduled committee meeting.
5. Reporting to the BRVCA’s Executive by:

- 5.1. Submitting copies of the minutes of committee meetings within ten days of the meeting.
- 5.2. Attendance by chair or designate at scheduled Executive meetings when requested.
- 5.3. Formulation of policies to direct the operation of the service and presentation of new policies to the executive for information and/or approval by the membership.
- 5.4. Participation in planning processes for future directions of the service based on the perceived needs of the community.

6. Public Consultation:

In order to ensure opportunity for community consultation, committees shall:

- 6.1. Assure the posting of regular meeting times on the www.bridgerivervalley.ca website so community members may attend as observers or, by prior arrangement, to make presentations.
- 6.2. Host meetings in an appropriate public venue.
- 6.3. Report regularly to the BRVCA Executive and to the BRVCA membership.
- 6.4. Make minutes publicly accessible online on www.bridgerivervalley.ca
- 6.5. On issues of significant community impact, committees shall also ensure the community is informed through articles, flyers, posters, neighborhood meetings and/or other available media, well in advance of the meeting at which the issue will be discussed and/or decided.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Develop an ongoing Strategic Plan reviewed every 2 years.
2. Work with the Ministry of Forests Sites and Trails to officially recognize the BRV Trail Network.
3. Develop and maintain a Trail Inventory Program for all user groups.
4. Develop a new trail strategy program.
5. Develop a trail maintenance program.
6. Develop a yearly budget and spending policy.
7. Identify and submit funding opportunities to the BRVCA Grant Writer.
8. Working with TSA Licensees, First Nations and the communities interest to create buy in from all.
9. Incorporate Fuel Mitigation in the development and maintenance of trails and in consultation with other stakeholders.
10. Creating economic development opportunities.
11. May hold events such as trail days, socials, group rides, races, etc.
12. Provide mapping and signage.
13. Provide communication programs.
14. Provide training / education programs such as safety programs, trail construction / maintenance, GPS use, beginner lessons, trail stewardship, etc.
15. Provide a venue for conflict resolution.