MOUNT WORK REGIONAL PARK – MANAGEMENT PLAN

PROJECT SCOPE

June 2020

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A multi-disciplinary internal project team will assist in the development of the management plan. This will ensure adequate consideration of planning/engagement, conservation, recreation/visitor services, and operations aspects. The planning process will include opportunities for broad engagement before a management plan is drafted and again once a draft management plan is available. All comments received will be considered as the management plan is developed and public participation reports will be provided for information following each round of engagement.

Five First Nations will be invited to participate in the planning process (Tsartlip, Tsawout, Tseycum, Pauquachin, and Malahat Nations). Key federal, provincial and local governments will be invited to participate directly, based on location of the park and properties owned and/or managed by the various jurisdictions.

Opportunities will be provided for input from key stakeholders, such as park users, interest groups, neighbours, former landowners and the public. In addition, liaison will occur with the CRD Regional Parks Mountain Biking Advisory Committee and consideration will be given to incorporating any approved recommendations from the advisory committee into the plan.

In the immediate term (2020), given the COVID-19 situation, the majority of the awareness and engagement will be done through signage, phone calls, email, and various online opportunities. Where and when feasible and appropriate, in-person engagement will used. If multiple small group in-person opportunities are used, rather than fewer, larger group opportunities, the timeframe for public engagement may be extended to accommodate such action.

A current initiatives project webpage will be established on the CRD website for this project to provide information about the management plan project and to provide an opportunity for the public to offer information and input. Other digital tools may also be used based on project needs.

The project aims for the following general timeline breakdown:

Board initiates project	June 2020
Initial public engagement process	fall 2020
Initial public engagement report	early 2021
Draft plan developed	winter 2020 - spring 2021
Public engagement on draft plan	summer - fall 2021
Finalize plan for Board approval	winter 2021 - spring 2022

PLANNING PROCESS – GENERAL TASKS

- 1. Gather background information and conduct site visits.
- 2. Develop public awareness information (e.g., webpage, on-site signs, input surveys).
- 3. Liaise with First Nations.

- 4. Liaise with key stakeholders and governments and provide opportunities for initial public input via the email, website, and/or other digital means.
- 5. Assess initial input received.
- 6. Develop draft plan.
- 7. Prepare for and hold public engagement on draft plan.
- 8. Analyze comments received.
- 9. Finalize management plan.
- 10. Provide recommended plan for Regional Park Committee endorsement and CRD Board approval.

PLAN OUTLINE

At a minimum, the management plan will include strategic direction (park vision, goals, and management statements relating to environmental conservation, cultural heritage protection, and visitor opportunities), park zoning consistent with the park's classification, a development concept, key management actions, and a general implementation strategy.