

**REGIONAL TRAILS MANAGEMENT PLAN
STREAMLINED AMENDMENT PROCESS
October 2020**

The Regional Trails Management Plan (RTMP) indicates that if significant issues or new information arise over the lifespan of the management plan that require substantive change in policy or management direction to address, a plan amendment may be considered. Amendments to the RTMP must be approved by the CRD Board.

The Regional Parks planning process recognizes that consultation is important for the management of regional parks and trails, if management plans are to have credibility and acceptance. Engagement opportunities for First Nations, other key government agencies, stakeholders and the public are included.

Since the Galloping Goose Regional Trail is a regional facility and since the Regional Trails Management Plan addresses management for all three current regional trails, public engagement on an amendment to the Regional Trails Management Plan would typically allow for input from any interested member of the public, stakeholder group, First Nation or government agency throughout the CRD. A streamlined amendment process could focus intergovernmental outreach to only those First Nations or governments that the Galloping Goose runs through/proximate to.

The following suggestions are provided to streamline the amendment process, while still ensuring that meaningful public engagement occurs:

- (a) Opportunities for public/stakeholder input would be limited to an on-line survey (i.e., no open houses). First Nations and municipalities/electoral areas will be provided opportunities for a meeting/presentation.
- (b) Use a three-week comment period, rather than the typical four-week period.
- (c) Seek input from First Nations and only municipalities/electoral areas that the Galloping Goose runs through/proximate to.

The general process for a streamlined proposed plan amendment would include:

Task	Anticipated Time Frame	Comments
Project Initiation	2.5 months	
Develop project charter and related plans	2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarify project scope • identify the project team • confirm the proposed amendment language • develop communications plan
Staff reports and Board approval	2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present staff report to RPC for project recommendation to CRD Board • present staff report to CRD Board for project approval

Engagement	2.5 months	
Prepare public information	1+ month	Develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project info for website • info bulletin about amendment • survey document • trail signage • ads • media release • letters
Notify public, stakeholders, First Nations and government agencies		
Engagement with First Nations	2 months	
Launch and run survey	3 weeks	
Analyze input received and prepare engagement report	2 weeks	
RPC and Board Review	2 months	
Staff reports to present input and recommend action to Committee and Board	2 months	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prepare in August • September Committee • October Board
Total	7 months	

Actual timeline would be dependent on work plan priorities of project team members.

If the Regional Trails Management Plan is amended, the CRD Parks Regulation Bylaw will also need to be amended.