

February 23, 2021

Jeff Norburn  
Director of Community Services  
City of Quesnel  
410 Kinchant Street  
Quesnel BC, V2J 7J5

Dear Mr. Norburn:

**RE: Gold Rush Cycling Club Trail Maintenance Allowance**

Gold Rush Cycling Club would like to thank the City of Quesnel and Cariboo Regional District for the successful partnership that we have shared over these last few years. Without this partnership and the funding already secured by the City and CRD, the growth and popularity of our trail networks would not be what it is today.

As these trail networks continue to rapidly grow and develop, we would like to enhance this partnership with the City and CRD by proposing an annual trail maintenance allowance. With funding from the City and CRD, GRCC would be able to hire a dedicated, professional seasonal resource to ensure the ongoing safety and sustainability of our trails. GRCC is requesting funding in the range of \$15,000 per year.

The GRCC has seen exponential growth over these past 3 years from 75 members in 2018, to 218 members in 2020. Currently, GRCC spends over 1,000+ hours per year maintaining the sanctioned trail networks in our area. Other cycling clubs in the province work with their local municipalities and regional districts to secure a pool of funds that is allocated strictly for trail maintenance.

GRCC would look to hire a trail contractor each year to restore trails post-winter and enhance/maintain trails throughout the season. Skilled contractors range in price from \$25 to \$35 per hour. This price per hour is dependent upon the skill set, whether the contractor uses their own tools or GRCC equipment and other factors.

Once again, GRCC is very grateful for the ongoing support the City of Quesnel and the CRD has shown trail projects in our area. Let us know your thoughts on the possibility of a trail maintenance allowance and if you would like to meet to discuss.

Sincerely,

Michelle Klapatiuk  
Treasurer – GRCC  
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