



Annual General Meeting 2020

The amazingness of trails during a global pandemic



Agenda

Nelson Cycling Club: who we are and what we do

The MASTER PLAN 2019-2022

Financial Report

Director Positions and other roles



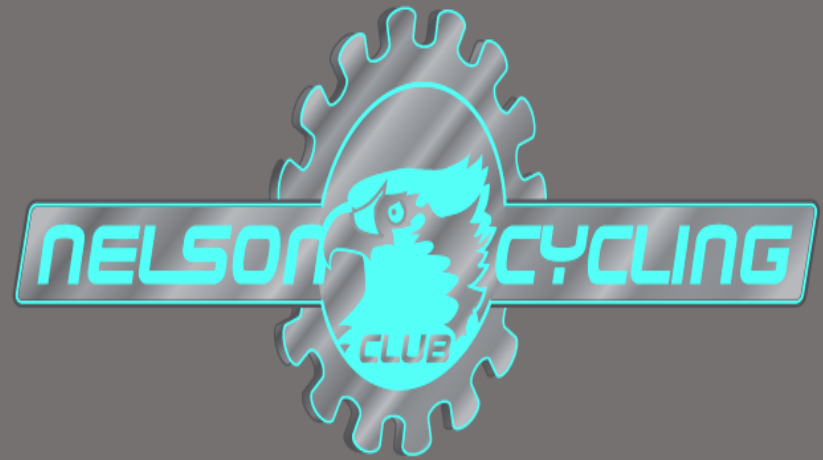
Introductions

Board of Directors 2020:

President	Deb MacKillop
Treasurer	Adam Ekvall
Director	Marg Craig
Director	Jeremy Major
Director	Nicole Walker
Director	Megan Chadwick

Also in 2019:

Director	Tucker Braund
Director	Mike Kinrade



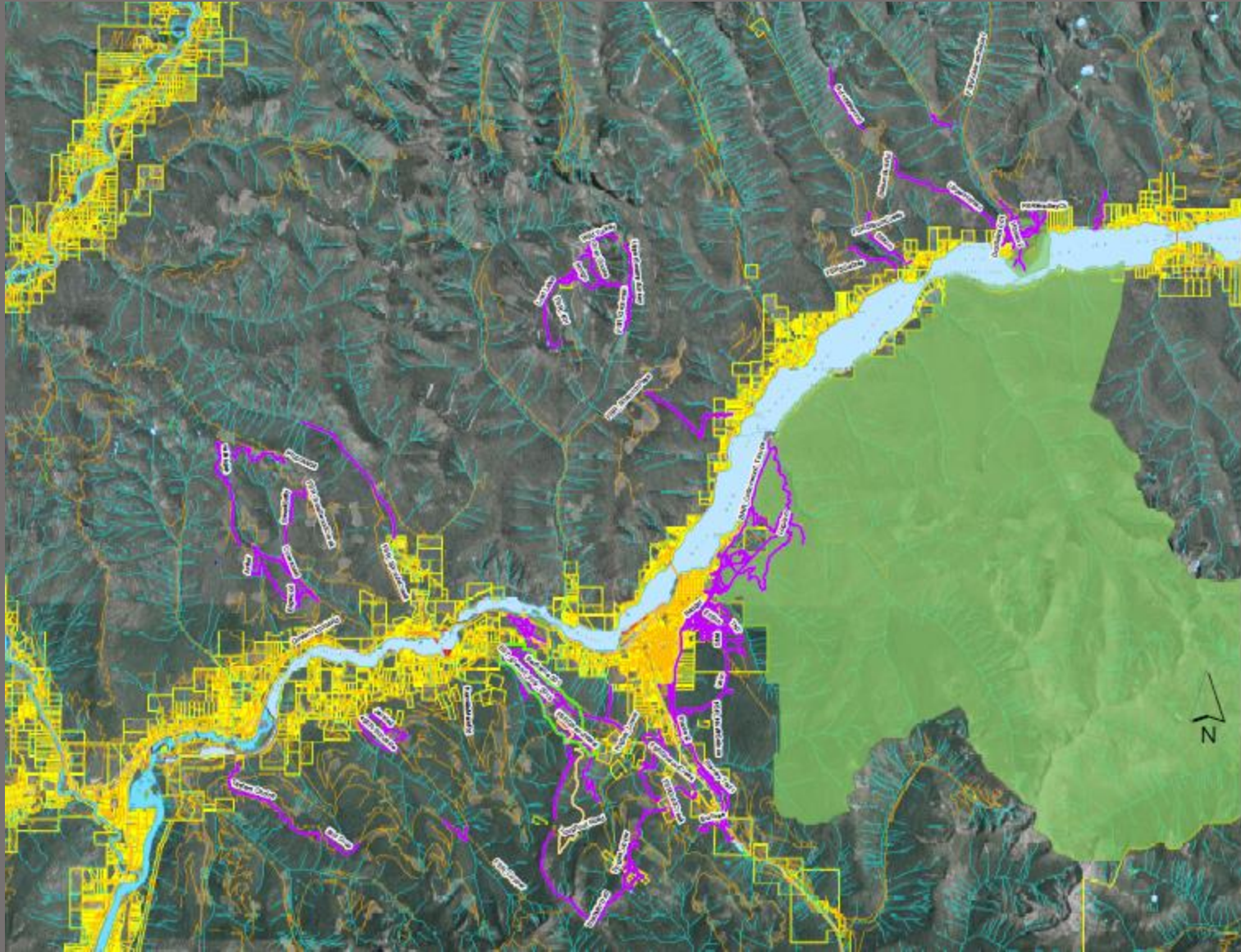
The **Nelson Cycling Club** is a voice for cycling and non-motorized trail use interests in the Nelson area. We are a volunteer non profit society that works to improve and maintain trails and trail access, and hosts fun, recreational events. Our goal is to promote and develop off road cycling opportunities and non-motorized trail use in a socially and environmentally responsible manner for the benefit of Nelson area residents and visitors.

Paid Trail Crew 2020

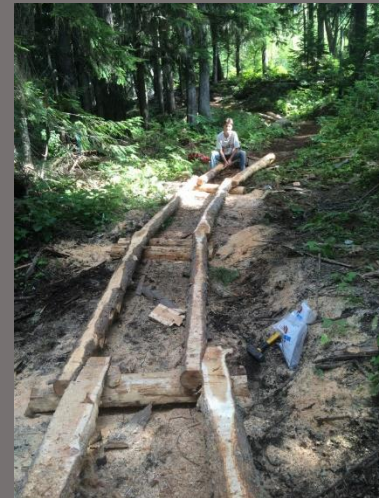
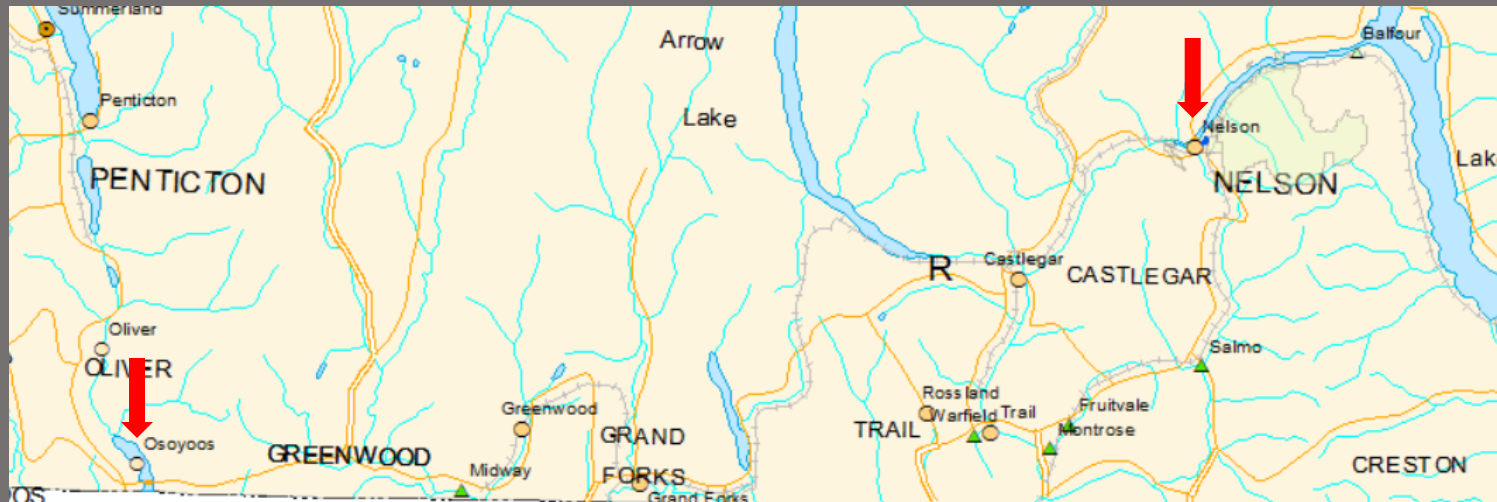


Project	Paid Trail Crew	Contract
Trail maintenance	Chris George	Half time: 6 months
	Mark Holt	100 hours
	Drew Martens	Half time: 2 months
Brushing	Graham Gardner	Full time: 2.5 months
	Luc Boyer	Part time: 1 month
Trail Enhancements	Colin Davies	Full time: 7.5 months
	Atli Bokstrom	Full time: 6.5 months
	Dude Woikin	Full time: 5 months
	Pat Williams	Part time: 4 months
	Rylan Bokstrom	Part time: 2 months
	Joel McBurney	Part time: several weeks
	Machine-built trails	Rick Schneider
Mike Parsons		2 months
DH Crew	Kris McMechan	A few weeks
	Eric Wahn	A few weeks
Grizzly Bear Project	Dr Michelle McLellan	Part time: 6 months
Signage	Laura Waterer	Part time

275+ km on 180+ trails and an urban bike park



Nelson's bike trails span a distance equivalent to driving from the Orange Bridge to Osoyoos



Trails are more popular than ever!

When Covid19 arrived, Nelson headed to the trails...

TRAIL COUNTER DATA

Bottoms Up

Total riders April-October=
33,102

* over 250 riders per day, mid season

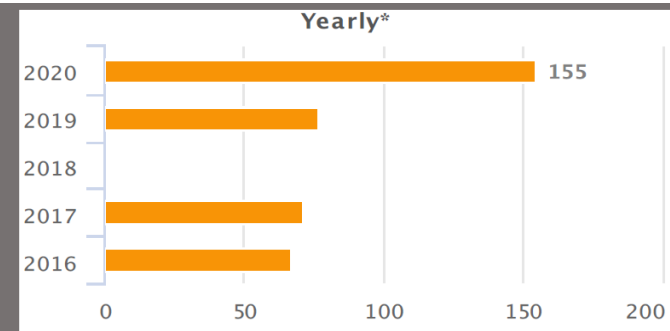
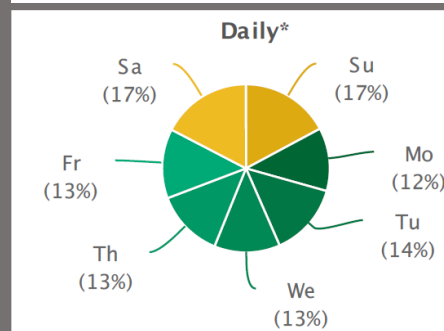
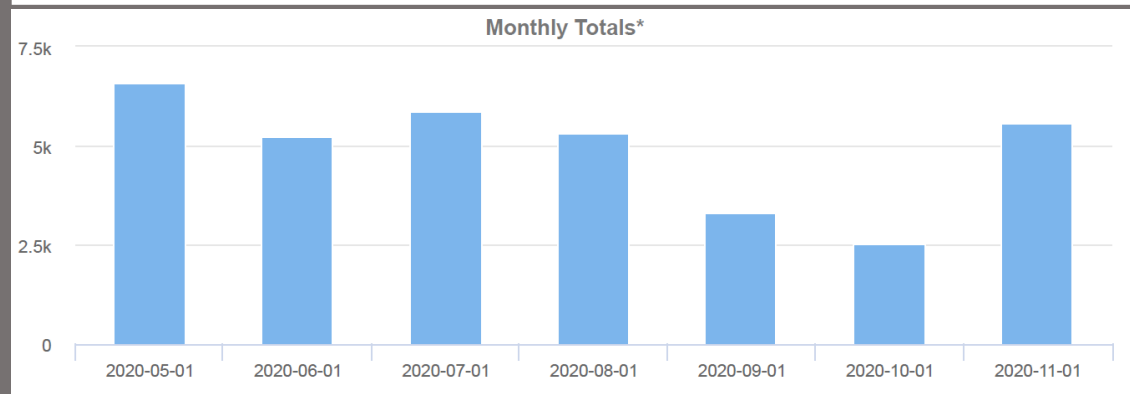
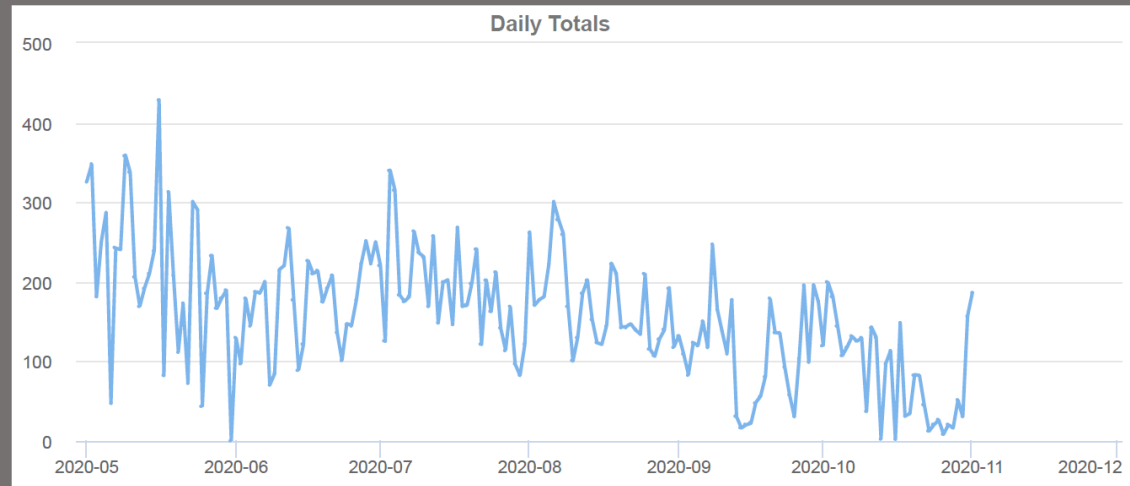
* Total April – November 2016 was
~11,000

Lefty

Total Riders June-July=
7639

* average 125 riders per day

Although popular trails, these are 2 out of 180... Total ridership is much greater.



The MASTER PLAN: Priorities for 2019-2022

* REPAIRING AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

- Some of our trails are old!
- Bridges, features, erosion, water issues

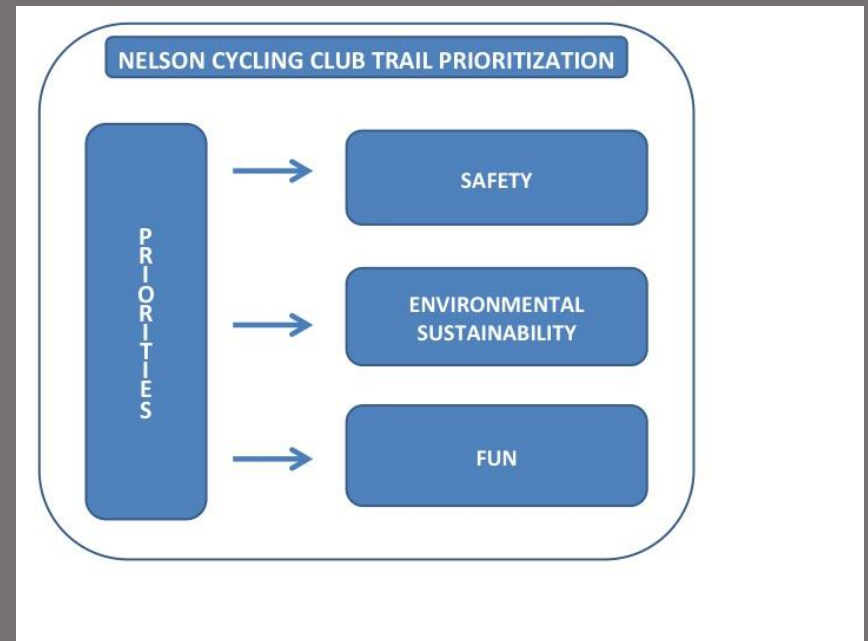
* MODERNIZING TRAIL STANDARDS AND RIDER STYLES/PREFERENCES

- Provincial Government Requirements
- Keeping DH alive and thriving
- Adding “enduro” and XC options

* BROADENING ACCESSIBILITY TO MORE RIDERS

- Beginner/intermediate
- Up-tracks
- aMTB

* INCREASING CONNECTIVITY IN THE NETWORK



The MASTER PLAN – What we did in 2020

Giveout/Gold/Morning Mountain:

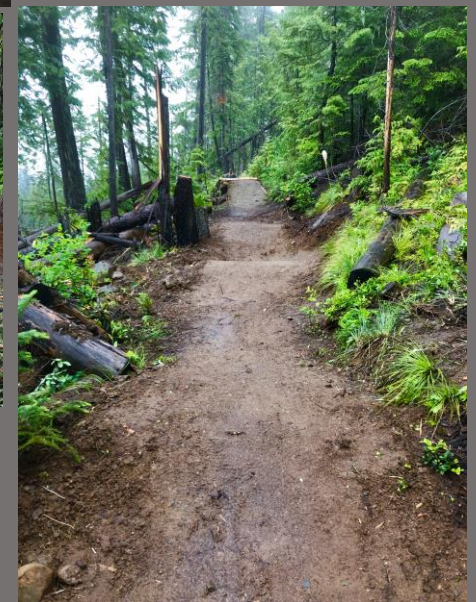
- Upper Highballer – new entrance
- Highballer – new blue exit
- Mr Slave – overhaul → broken rainbow bridges to wood/dirt table-tops
- Turnstyles – overhaul
- Unit Crewzer and Plunger – overhaul
- Fairly High – major drainage and bridging work
- Upper Goldmember – re-route around erosion areas
- Party Wife/Goldrush – overhaul with big, long, new bridges

Svoboda

- General Maintenance
- Preparing for post-fuel treatment logging work next year

Blewett

- 49er – revival of the low-to-ground features



The MASTER PLAN – What we did in 2020

Baldface

- A whole new Cherry Bowl Trail!
- Swamp donkey – overhaul

North Shore

- Ledges – overhaul, rock work, bridges
- Sitkum – overhaul of woodwork and bottom section
- Shittacker – overhaul → advanced (not pro) jumps and improvements
- Newtsac – a few new features after windstorms

Mountain Station

- Eli Sim – re-route around wet, broken area with Berms
- Nine Point – berms and flow
- Boneyard – reroute through the wet section

Rosemont Bike Park



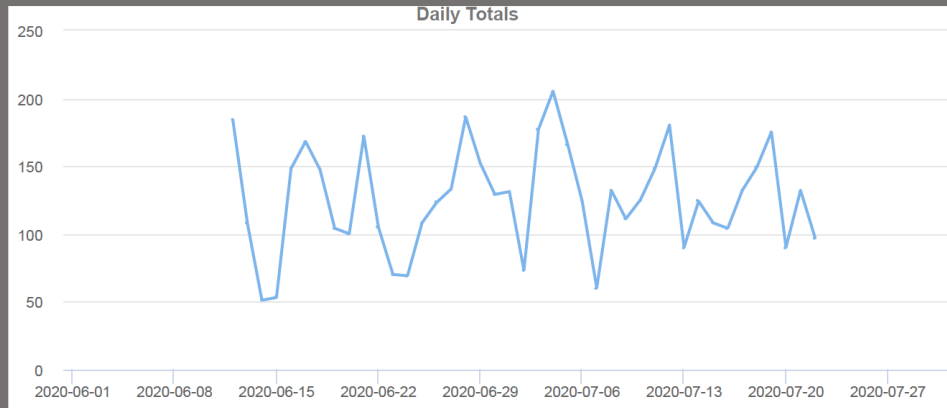
The MASTER PLAN: What's planned for 2021

Giveout/Morning Mountain

Born Again → intermediate jump/flow trail accessible to aMTB

Bottoms Up → widen bridges and adjust for aMTB

New Intermediate trail from Giveout FSR to Morning Mountain



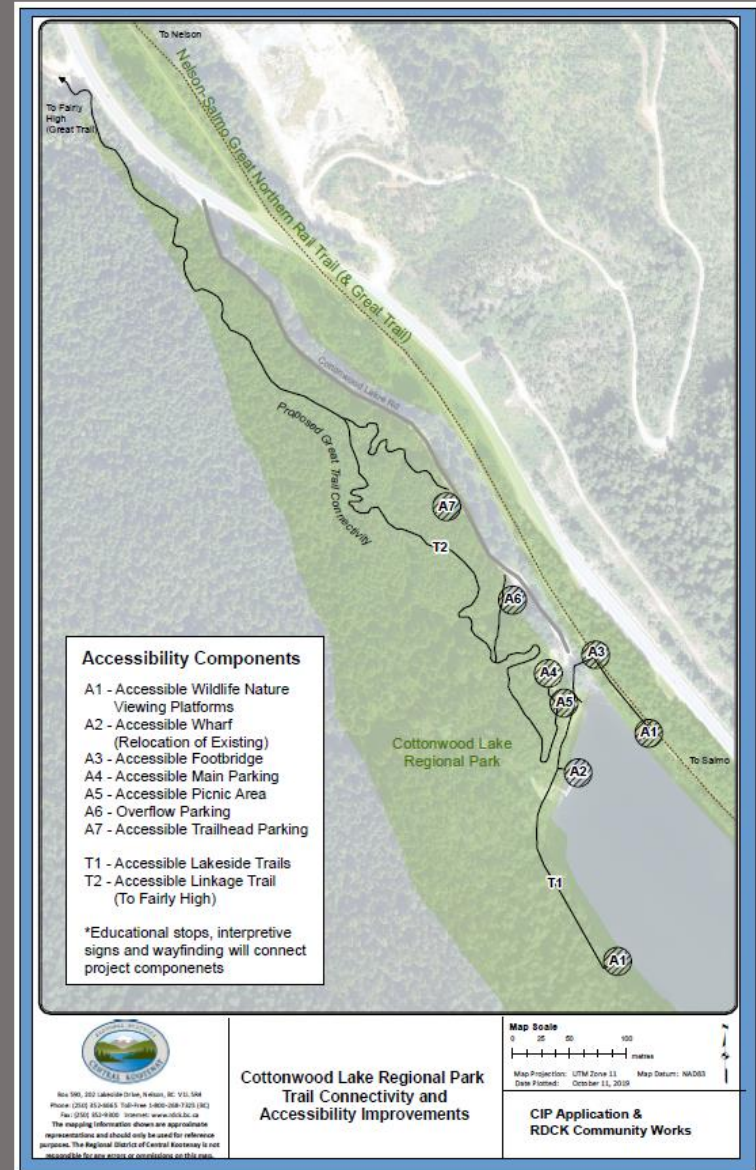
The MASTER PLAN: What's planned for 2021

Cottonwood Lake

Connector trail → from the lake to Giveout FSR with eventual connection to Fairly High and Silver King

Barely High → Fairly High to Silver King to Cottonwood

- Waiting for land use agreement
- Likely for 2022



The MASTER PLAN: What's planned for 2021

Meadow trail at Baldface →
reduce erosion issues



Valhallaluja → make it more
fun!

Upper Hitman → re-route
through the 2017 burn

Hitman → tune-up



The MASTER PLAN: What's planned for 2021

Post-logging repair

Svoboda

Paperbag → erosion issues

wildfire risk reduction:

- Squealer, Frog jam
- Middle Earth

Mountain Station

Wildfire risk reduction (RDCK)

- The Vein

Blowdown

- Fat Chance
- Skirt
- Still working out the rest



Trail Maintenance:

When a tree falls in the forest, the NCC cares...

- 100s (if not 1000s!) of trees cleared off of trails
 - Three major windstorms
 - Spring, summer, fall
- Structure repair on aging woodwork throughout the network
- Groundwork on ruts, blown corners and general erosion
- Drainage work in spring and fall that will hopefully help with this years spring melt
- Summer brushing and pruning aiming at creating better sight lines



But nobody pays... no grants for general maintenance

Logging Plans 2019-2020

Anderson Creek Timber

- Mountain Station
- Middle Earth

BCTS

- Smallwood

Atco

- 49er

Kalesnikoff

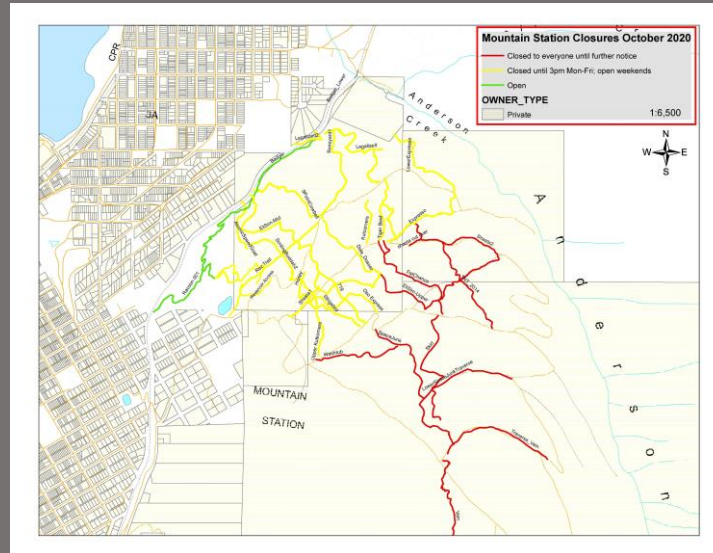
- Wet Dreams
- Vein (fuel treatment)



Mountain Station

MANAGEMENT ISSUES:

- Private Managed Forest Land
- Handshake Agreement for Use since 2001
- NCC buys 3rd party liability insurance
- LOGGING... to find the trails
- No new trail building
- New trails will be decommissioned



CURRENT TRAIL CLOSURES
October 7, 2020

SVOBODA
Middle Earth is closed WED-FRI (Oct 8-10) for a prescribed burn project
Frog Jam is closed UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE for fuel reduction chainsaw work (weekends as well)

MOUNTAIN STATION
ALL TRAILS CLOSED for logging of blowdown from the September storm
The lower portions of Badger and Raccoon are on public lands and remain open
No biking, No hiking, No trail running, No dog walking, No access

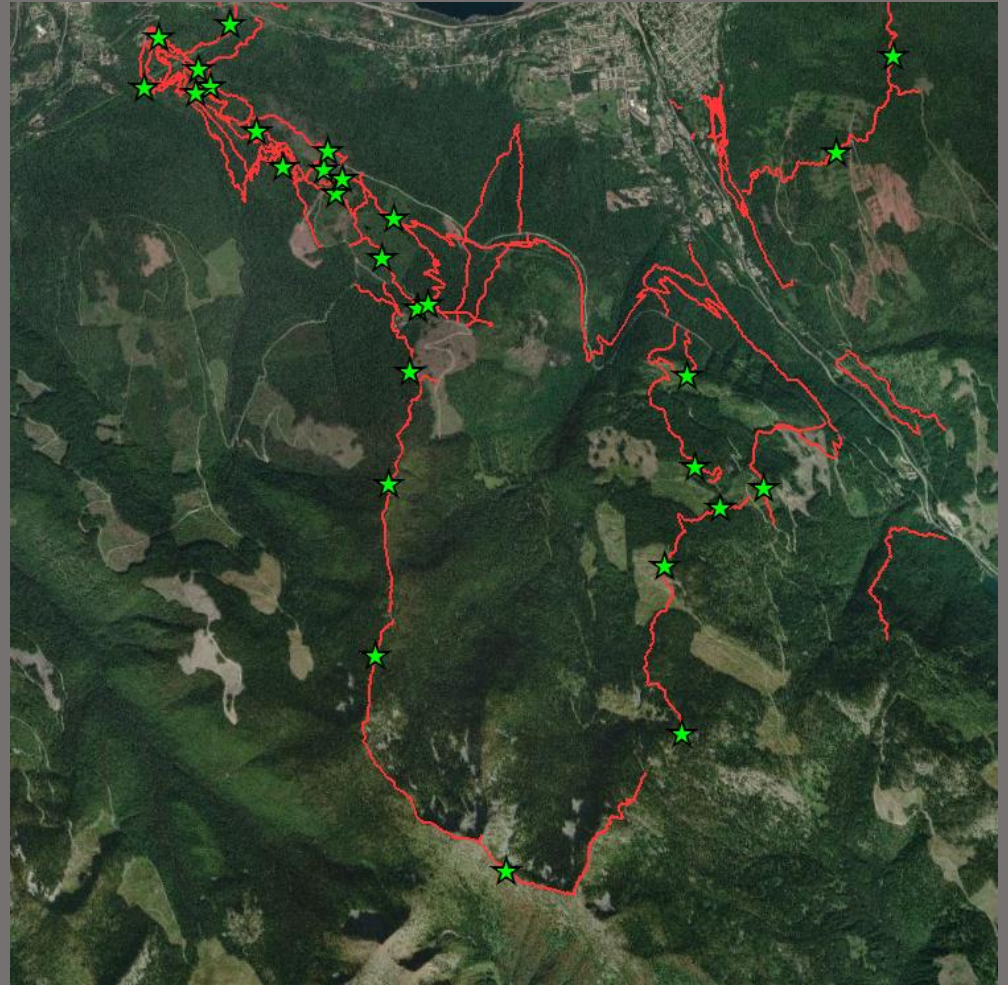
Please respect all closures
Poaching the trails could jeopardize future access

Check the Nelson Cycling Club Facebook page for updates and more information



Mountain Biking and Wildlife

- Monitored 23 trails
- Morning Mountain
- Gold Creek
- Selous Creek areas



Diverse Species Use



- Black Bear
- Cougar
- Mule Deer
- Whitetail Deer
- Grizzly Bear
- Lynx
- Bob Cat
- Elk
- Red Squirrel
- Flying Squirrel
- Marten
- Wolf
- Coyote
- Snowshoe Hare
- Weasel
- Many Bird species

Mitigation

- Improved sight lines
- Improved sound lines
- Seasonal Caution signs
- Make Noise reminders



BEFORE



AFTER

Trail-Specific Information

CAUTION

This trail system is used by **GRIZZLY** and **BLACK BEARS** for travel and foraging. Take **EXTRA CAUTION** from



- Make **NOISE** often—use your voice
- Keep **DOGS** close
- Ride in a **GROUP**
- **CARRY** accessible bear spray
- **ALWAYS** accompany children and teens



**GRIZZLY BEAR
HABITAT**



**MAKE NOISE
NEXT 200 m**

Memberships 2020

260 in 2010

322 in 2011

430 in 2012

315 in 2013

376 in 2014

440 in 2015

445 in 2016

451 in 2017

525 in 2018

These numbers
include FTF kids

540 in 2019
approx.

644 members

as of yesterday in 2020

**This number is from online payments
only.**

**If you left a form at the shops, these are
not included in this number.**

27 FOLKS REGISTERED AS TRAIL RUNNERS

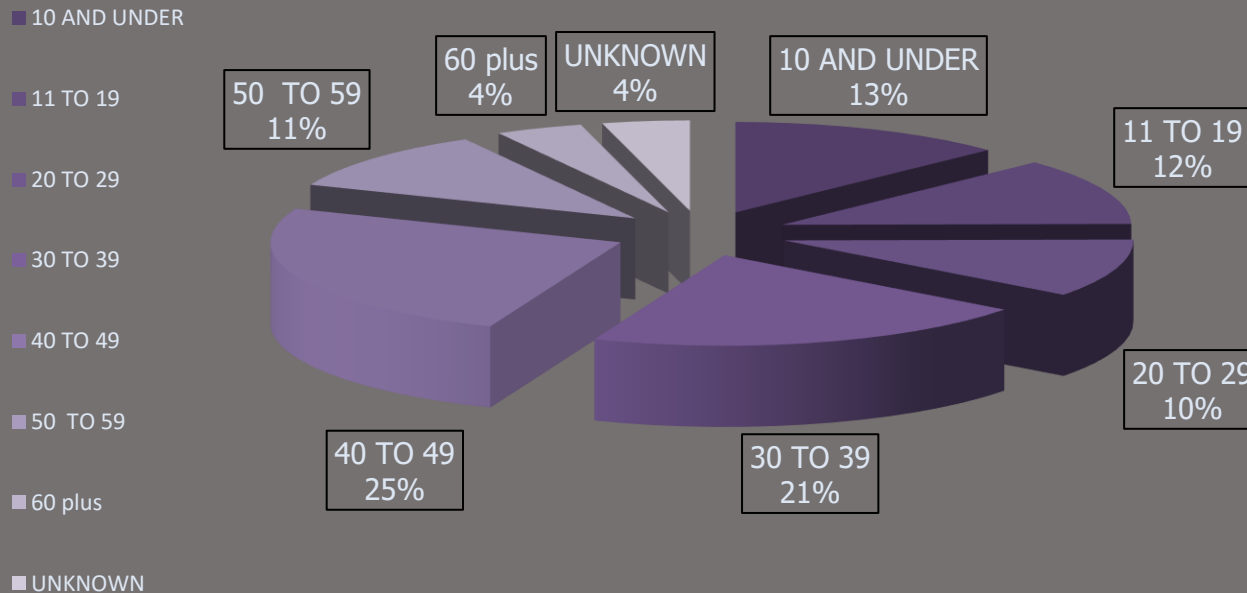
129 FAMILIES REGISTERED

WAY LESS KIDS THAN NORMAL BECAUSE NO FAT TIRE FEST

Our highest membership numbers ever – a Good news story!!

Memberships 2020

MEMBERSHIP AGE BREAKDOWN



10 AND UNDER	83
11 TO 19	77
20 TO 29	67
30 TO 39	134
40 TO 49	161
50 TO 59	70
60 plus	26
UNKNOWN	26

Membership Fee Change?

Current rates have not changed since early 2000s.

Should we raise it to \$40/adult and \$80/family?

Would people still pay?

How much does it cost to have good trails?

Total spent \$ ~188,000

Trail Building \$124,500

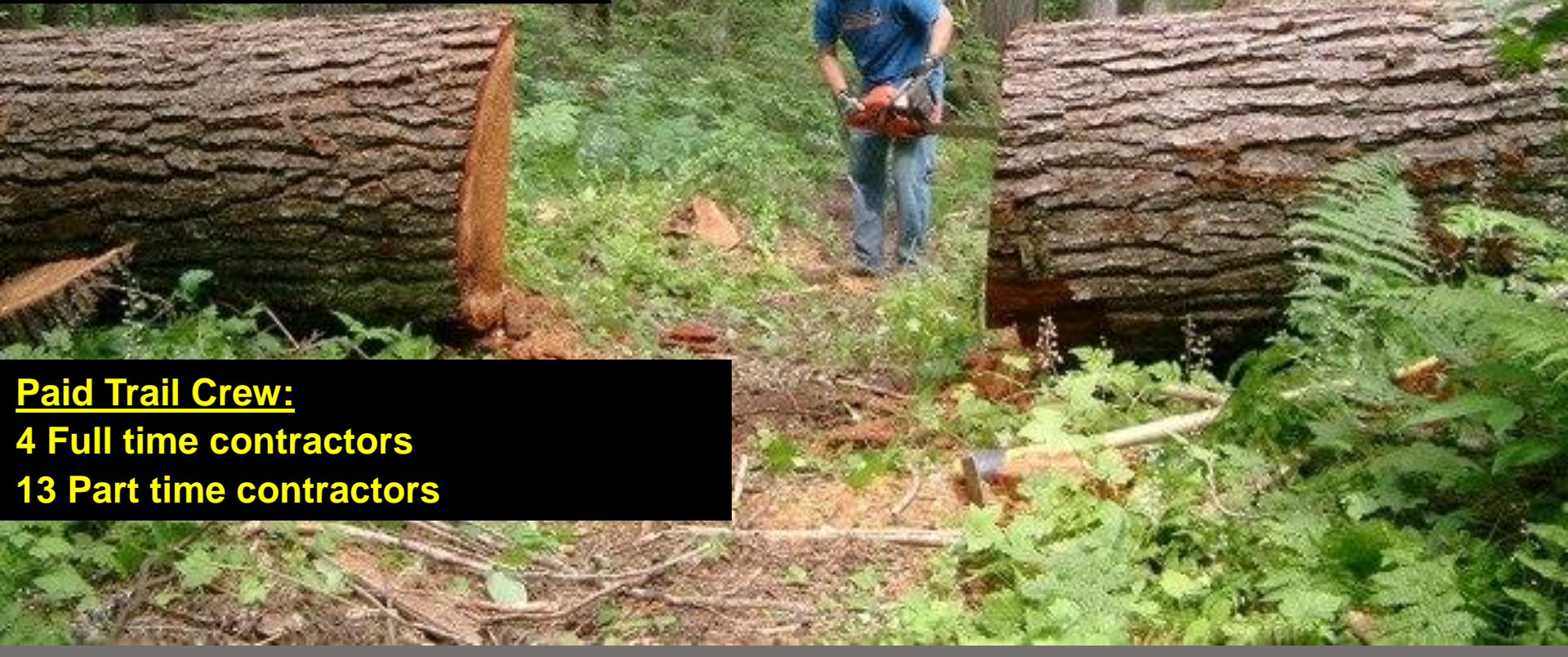
Trail Maintenance \$19,500

Program Admin \$20,500

- Signage, Insurance, Admin

Special Projects \$25,500

- Grizzly and wildlife



Paid Trail Crew:

4 Full time contractors

13 Part time contractors

How we pay for all of this....

Funding Type	Funding Source	Funds Received	Funds Anticipated	Total Income
Internal Revenue	2019 Bank Account	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ 35,000
	Membership	\$ 15,500	\$ -	\$ 15,500
	Donations	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
	Grant Holdbacks	\$ 6,250	\$ -	\$ 6,250
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>		\$ 57,250	\$ -	\$ 57,250
Grants	CBT - Grizzly Project	\$ 23,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 25,500
	Rural Dividend Fund (BC)	\$ 163,400		\$ 163,400
	Rec Sites & Trails (BC)	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
	Community Works Fund (Canada/RDCK)	\$ 75,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 100,000
	Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Canada/BC)		\$ 118,956	\$ 118,956
	CBT - Trail Enhancement 2019	\$ 3,750		\$ 3,750
<i>SUBTOTAL</i>		\$ 270,150	\$ 146,456	\$ 416,606
TOTAL		\$ 327,400	\$ 146,456	\$ 473,856

What we spent

EXPENSES				
Funding Source	Expense Type	Expenses	Anticipated Expenses	TOTAL Expenses
2019 Bank Account	Trail Maintenance and Mountain Station	\$ 19,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 21,500
Membership	Insurance	\$ 9,000		\$ 9,000
Donations	Project Management		\$ 1,550	\$ 1,550
Grant Holdbacks				
		\$ 28,000	\$ 4,050	\$ 32,050
CBT - Grizzly Project	Grizzly trail management	\$ 1,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 25,500
Rural Dividend Fund (BC)	Turnstyles, Lefty, Plunger, Unit Crewzer, Fairly High, Ledges	\$ 53,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 58,000
Rec Sites & Trails (BC)	Fairly High, Giveout	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000
Community Works Fund (Canada/RDCK)	turnstyles, highballer	\$ 23,000		\$ 23,000
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Canada/BC)	Giveout, Gold Creek, 49er, Baldface	\$ 29,000	\$ 11,500	\$ 40,500
CBT - Trail Enhancement 2019		\$ 3,747		\$ 3,747
		\$ 113,247	\$ 42,500	\$ 155,747
		\$ 141,247	\$ 46,550	\$ 187,797

Budgets for 2021 and 2022

Funding Source	Remaining
2020 Bank Account	\$ 25,200
Rural Dividend Fund (BC)	\$ 105,400
Rec Sites & Trails (BC)	\$ 5,000
Community Works Fund (Canada/RDCK)	\$ 77,000
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Canada/BC)	\$ 78,456
CBT - Trail Enhancement 2021	\$ 25,000
	\$ 316,056

Things we didn't do: Internal fundraising income is down

- No Bike Swap
- No fiver events
- No international events (e.g., TransBC was deferred)
- No Fat Tire Fest
- No Kiosk Ad sales



We spent about \$12,500 more than we raised through “internal fundraising”.
Luckily, we had some money in the bank, but this is not sustainable

Past Funding & Revenue

- 2013: **\$106,667** in revenue from:
 - RDCK, RS&T, Map sales, Memberships, Events, private donations, advertising, business donations.
- 2014: **\$96,000** in revenue from:
 - CBT, RS&T, Map sales, City of Nelson, RDCK, memberships, private donations, advertising, business donations
- 2015: **\$128,000** in revenue from:
 - CBT, RS&T, TCT, RDCK, memberships, map sales, advertising, bike swap, donations, events
- 2016: **\$88,000** in revenue from:
 - TCT, RDCK, map book sales, memberships, donations, events
- 2017: **\$110,600** in revenue from:
 - RDCK, TCT, CBT, map book sales, memberships, donations, events
- 2018: **\$149,510** spent from revenue derived from:
 - Rural Dividends/RDCK, TCT, CBT, map book sales, memberships, donations, events
- 2019: **139,000** spent from:
 - Rural Dividends/RDCK, TCT, CBT, map book sales, memberships, donations, events
- 2020: **\$188,000** spent from grants:
 - ICIP, Rural Dividend, CWF, CBT and membership

The Board Nominations

Director position nominations for 2020:

Megan Chadwick

Marg Craig

Adam Ekvall - Treasurer

Deb MacKillop - President

Ben Tanasichuk

Nicole Walker – Secretary

Jason Wishlow

A big thanks to retiring Board Members:

- Mike Kinrade
- Tucker Braund
- Jeremy Major

More IDEAS for the future

- Member surveys
 - Where do you ride most?
 - What needs most work?
- ❑ More trail stewardship
 - ❑ Giveout grizzlies
 - ❑ Logging plans
 - ❑ Grohman Trails (mini storage)
- ❑ Kids programs
 - ❑ – anyone interested??!
- ❑ Future ideas?!
 - ❑ WH2O to the Beach!
 - ❑ Bonnington Traverse on Bikes
 - ❑ Trails on Giveout Face (to Rosemont)
- ❑ Other ideas?!



Volunteers Needed!



- Membership
- Graphic design
- Kids programs
- Volunteer trail building days
- Marshals and First Aid at fivers
- Group rides
- Enthusiasm...

Many Thanks!

- RDCK: Ramona Faust and Tom Newell, Directors Area E and F
 - RDCK Parks Department
 - Kootenay Lake Initial Attack Crew (especially Trace Cooke)
 - Recreation, Sites and Trails BC
 - Columbia Basin Trust
 - Baldface Lodge
 - Spearhead Timberworks
 - The trail fairies out there helping out:
 - Daily Danks
 - Doug Turner
 - MAMWBABs
 - DH Beer League
 - Anderson Creek Timber
 - Atco Lumber
- And many more!



