

March 1, 2012.

B.V. Community Resources Board
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Dear Members of the Board:

We are not members of a club or any particular individual user group, but came to the RAMP meeting in hopes of gaining an understanding of what RAMP is all about and to express our disapproval with the invasive way the Hankin/Evelyn project infiltrated our back yard.

We believe that the community still knows best. When we invest our lives in a specific area establishing homes, farms and communities with the intent and desire to pass it on to our children, we quite naturally work at preserving the land around us, always considering what sort of condition we are leaving things for the next generation. For us, we value relationships much higher than accomplishments and recognition and desire to live in harmony with our neighbours and our community.

We in the Evelyn Community and probably many others, can get along despite our different interests, ie farming, hiking, hunting, berrypicking, logging, fishing, horseback riding. We live together in a community and happily open up our back yards for our neighbours to use, in return we ask only for respectful use of the land and courtesy in opening and closing gates. Cross country ski trails for example crosses 3 or 4 privately owned acreages in our community as well as crown land.

Rather than closing areas to only certain interest groups, why not leave them open to all groups. By nature of the terrain, areas will be of no interest to certain user groups but of great interest to others; ie hunters will more often stick closer to easy road access areas, whereas really steep terrain my attract more people chosing to go on foot.

We very strongly take exception to the fact that no one thought it necessary to approach anyone in our neighbourhood concerning the trails in our back yard. Are we supposed to just sit quietly by and allow whoever wants to use the trails according to what you think is legitimate use and tell our own children that they/we may no longer use the area that they/we have been using for years on quads, snowmobiles and trail bikes? I wonder if you would sit idly by if this happened to you?

Let's go back to the old tried and true philosophy of sharing the vast expanse of nature we have in our back yards; using it respectfully and not limiting it to small special interest groups.

Sincerely,



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