

# Exploratory Ramp Meeting

## Thursday, April 2, 2009 – 7:15 pm

**Attendance:** Greg Storie – BVCRB  
Ben Heemskerk – BVCRB  
Bob Mitchel – North east slopes trails group (NESTG)  
Gary Quanstrom – Private interest  
Jim Easterday – BV outdoor rec. society (BVORS)  
Jay Gilden – BV Stewardship Group (BVSG)  
Kevin Eskelin –MOTCA

### 1. RAMP History:

- Reviewed a brief history of the RAMP process.
- Reviewed what happened with ILMB funding proposal in 2008.
- It was mentioned that it would have been good to have a motorized user presence at the meeting and that it was very important to have their buy in into the process right at the beginning.

### 2. Commitment towards initiating a Community-led process :

- Overall there was interest and commitment around the table for looking into and initiating a community led process for trying to reach consensus towards Recreation access.
- There were concerns raised around who would chair the process and keep it on track. Discussed possible involvement from UNBC (Patrick Maher), Hiring a third party to moderate and chair the process, and the possibility of having it co-chaired by accepted members of the motorized and non-motorized community.
- It was stated that the BVCRB could be the platform for bringing the groups together and be involved in the process but that it would not lead the process.
- It was suggested that the Recreation subcommittee be expanded to include some of the members sitting at the table to work on the Boards behalf towards facilitating the process.
- The BV stewardship group would be willing to offer support through communications etc.
- Discussed possible involvement from BV Centre to help administer the process.

### 3. Funding:

- A number of ideas were floated from developing a Trust to approaching the Driftwood foundation etc; Jim Easterday offered to explore possible funding avenues.
- The amount of funding required largely depends on the approach taken to lead the process.

### 4. Government Involvement:

- ILMB would not be involved.
- Kevin Eskelin, MOTSA, would like to be involved in the process as an observer but would have to talk to senior management before he could fully commit.

### 5. Action Items :

- Talk to Patrick Maher, UNBC, possible chairperson/moderator – Ben Heemskerk
- Talk to Gail Hutchaka, Possible chairperson/moderator - Kevin Eskelin
- Draft letter to user groups asking user groups to participate in a community-led RAMP process - Gary Quanstrom
- Research possible funding sources – Jim Easterday
- Talk to representatives of motorized user groups to gauge their receptiveness to participating in a community lead Ramp process – Greg Storie.
- Discuss at the next BVCRB meeting the best way forward from here – Greg Storie