

Rocky View County And Bragg Creek Trails Association

Alliance Strategy Framework

Rocky View County (County) and the Bragg Creek Trails Association (BCTA) are exploring a collaborative opportunity in their ongoing support of trail and pathway (active transportation) development in the Bragg Creek region.

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to identify collaborative approaches that will form a non-binding framework that fosters respect and cooperation, working towards a common goal of active transportation planning and development in the Bragg Creek region.

Background:

Over the last 16 years, the BCTA and the County have invested over \$4.65 million in active transportation development in the region. As a result, Bragg Creek now has an extensive high quality, active transportation network for non-motorized trails within a multi-use landscape. These amenities are used year round by visitors and the area has seen continued growth in the use of the infrastructure.

Cooperative Approach:

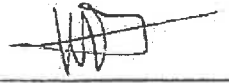
As identified in the County's 2021 Recreation and Parks Master Plan and the 2024 West Bragg Creek Trails Master Plan, the following objectives, when possible, will assist in supporting the projects identified in both these documents.

1. The County will organize a joint annual update meeting.
2. The County and BCTA will strive for open and transparent communication.
3. As of the date of this document, and until further notice, the Recreation, Parks & Community Support department will be the BCTA first point of contact. Communication can be sent directly to recreation@rockyview.ca.
4. BCTA to provide their trail user data and estimates to the County on an annual basis. This will help quantify trail use trends and recognize the unique recreation experience and features of the Bragg Creek trail network, relative to the recreation opportunities in the larger region and other parts of Kananaskis Country.
5. BCTA to provide an annual update on active transportation development that includes any changes to the trail system and facilities to improve safety, the recreation experience, minimize impacts to the environment and manage conflicts among recreation activity types (including seasonal, single use trails, and directionality on trails where needed), while considering volunteer and financial sustainability.
6. Discuss annual trail and pathway planning, budgeting, construction, upgrading, repair and maintenance in the Bragg Creek area of Rocky View County and to connect to surrounding areas.
7. The County to provide a digital annual updated pathway and trail map of the region.
8. Joint site inspections will be conducted at the call of the County or BCTA.
9. BCTA will provide a suggested five year RVC capital plan for active transportation development and maintenance that will be reviewed at each joint annual meeting. The five year capital plan review is an independent process from the County's five year capital plan review.
10. This Alliance Strategy Framework will be reviewed at the joint annual update meeting.

While this strategy framework is non-binding, its spirit is one of continued cooperation, with both parties recognizing the importance of supporting this collaborative approach to encourage future development of active transportation infrastructure in the region.



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