

REC TRAILS

Additional Information Sheets

P3 TRAILS ON PRIVATE LANDS

Encourage and support public trail access through privately-owned lands where it can bring community benefits.

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WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Community input indicates interests in more trails to experience agricultural areas
- ▶ There are many challenges such as liability, trespass, privacy, potential for damage, Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) considerations
- ▶ With efforts and a willing landowner, opportunities may exist

ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Research urban agricultural trail precedents and practices to consider if and how such trails could exist in West Kelowna and the City's potential role(s)
- ▶ Where landowners express interest / willingness to permit public access through private lands, collaborate with the landowner to address issues



Agricultural landscape

Develop West Kelowna Parks & Recreational Trails Design Guidelines to provide clear guidance for parks and trails.

RELATIVE COST

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\$50K - \$100K

WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Design guidelines are a tool that communities use to create a more consistent and coherent parks and trails network
- ▶ A single guideline document is recommended for both parks and recreational trails

ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Develop West Kelowna Parks & Recreational Trails Design Guidelines
- ▶ Provide the Design Guidelines to all parties involved in projects that will be maintained by the parks department



Mount Boucherie trails signage

P6 WAYFINDING & SIGNAGE



Enhance the wayfinding and signage program to increase community awareness and access to information.

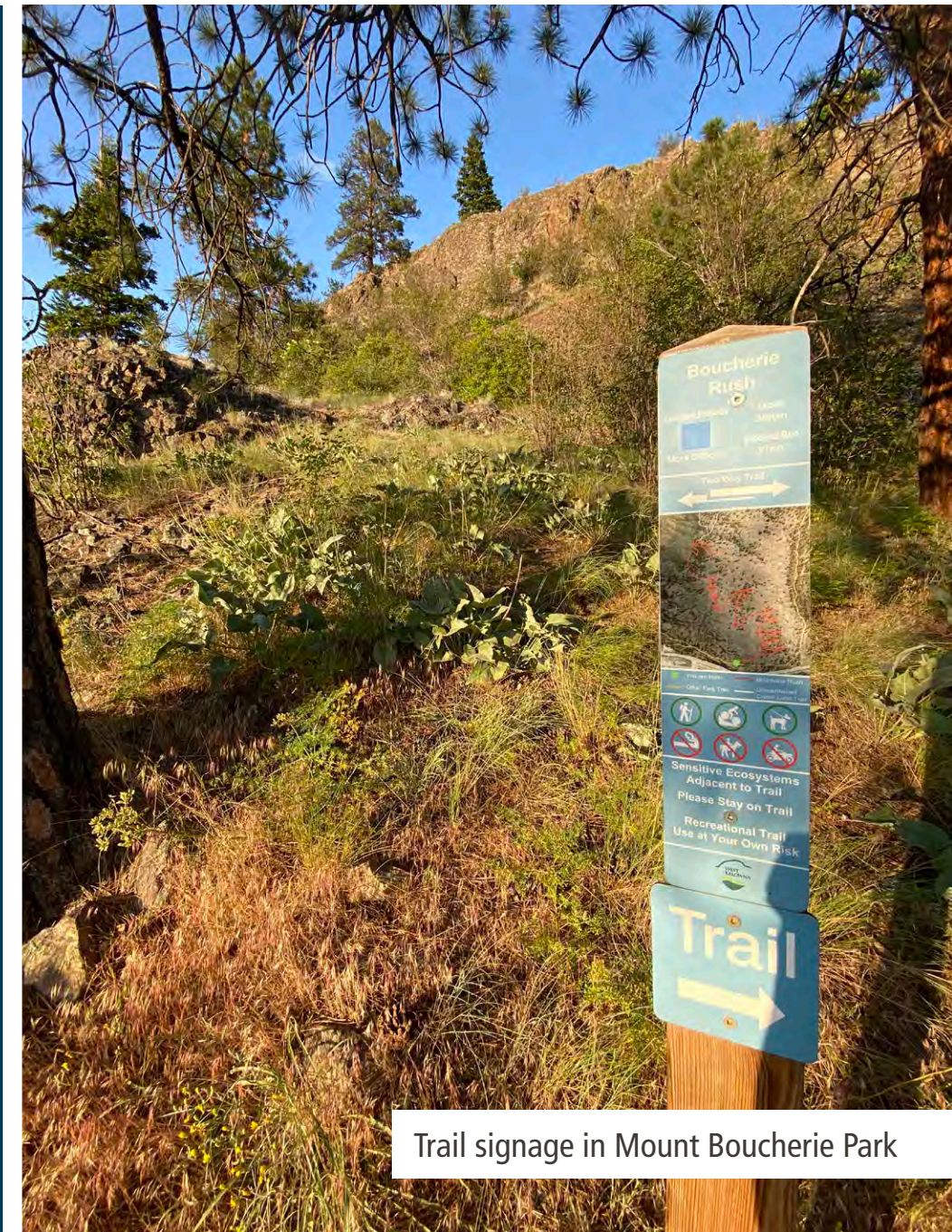
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WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Wayfinding is a key asset to helping users navigate and enjoy the network
- ▶ Community input:
 - » Positive feedback on current signage, would like more
 - » Improve digital wayfinding information

ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Inventory existing signage (part of asset management)
- ▶ Develop an online navigation tool
- ▶ Develop an updated print-ready map for brochures and signage
- ▶ Complete signage additions or upgrades on an ongoing basis
- ▶ Name major trails



Trail signage in Mount Boucherie Park

P8 TRAIL SAFETY & SECURITY

Undertake improvements to enhance safety and security on recreational trails.

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WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Using recreational trails comes with inherent risks
- ▶ Potential safety upgrades might include:
 - » Slope and erosion mitigation
 - » Additional amenities
 - » Guidelines to reduce user conflict
 - » Information about potential risks

ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Include safety guidance within the new Design Guidelines
- ▶ Post information online and on trails to allow users to evaluate their own risk
- ▶ Include safety upgrades as a priority for trail upgrade planning



Information about permitted uses helps manage risk

Plan and manage recreational trails in a way that respects the natural environment.

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WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Recreational trails typically occur in natural areas
- ▶ Opportunities for environmental management:
 - » Formalizing or closing unsanctioned trails
 - » Maintenance
 - » Design guidelines
 - » Code of conduct
 - » Interpretive information
 - » Stewardship opportunities

- ▶ Include environmental management considerations within the new Design Guidelines
- ▶ As part of maintenance planning, identify / upgrade trails that have existing environmental impacts
- ▶ Communicate information about appropriate use and regulations



Bridge at Rotary Trails Park

M4 PETS ON TRAILS

Develop a trails network that accommodates both dog-owners and non-owners and protects the environment.

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WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ Current practice is for dogs to be on-leash in all areas, except designated off-leash areas
- ▶ Community input suggest dog exercise is a top recreational activity and there is an interest for off-leash trails
- ▶ Accommodating pets on trails must be balanced with safety and environmental management

ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Seek to pilot **1** designated dog off-leash trail and monitor
- ▶ Incorporate dog management within code of conduct information



Community input indicated a desire for more off-leash trails

Consider opportunities to engage organizations and individuals in support of the recreational trails network.

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WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Volunteer programs can have many benefits, but are only successful when there are sufficient resources to run them
 - ▶ Trail stewardship can be attractive to volunteers
- ▶ Consider recreational trails volunteer opportunities within an overall parks volunteer plan / program (per the **Parks Master Plan**)
 - ▶ Meet with SD23 to discuss programs that use the network and identify opportunities for collaboration
 - ▶ Continue to support community-led efforts (e.g., GBTAPS, WKTC)



Volunteers can support trail stewardship

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MOUNT BOUCHERIE TRAILS

Consider opportunities to support ongoing management of trails throughout Mount Boucherie.

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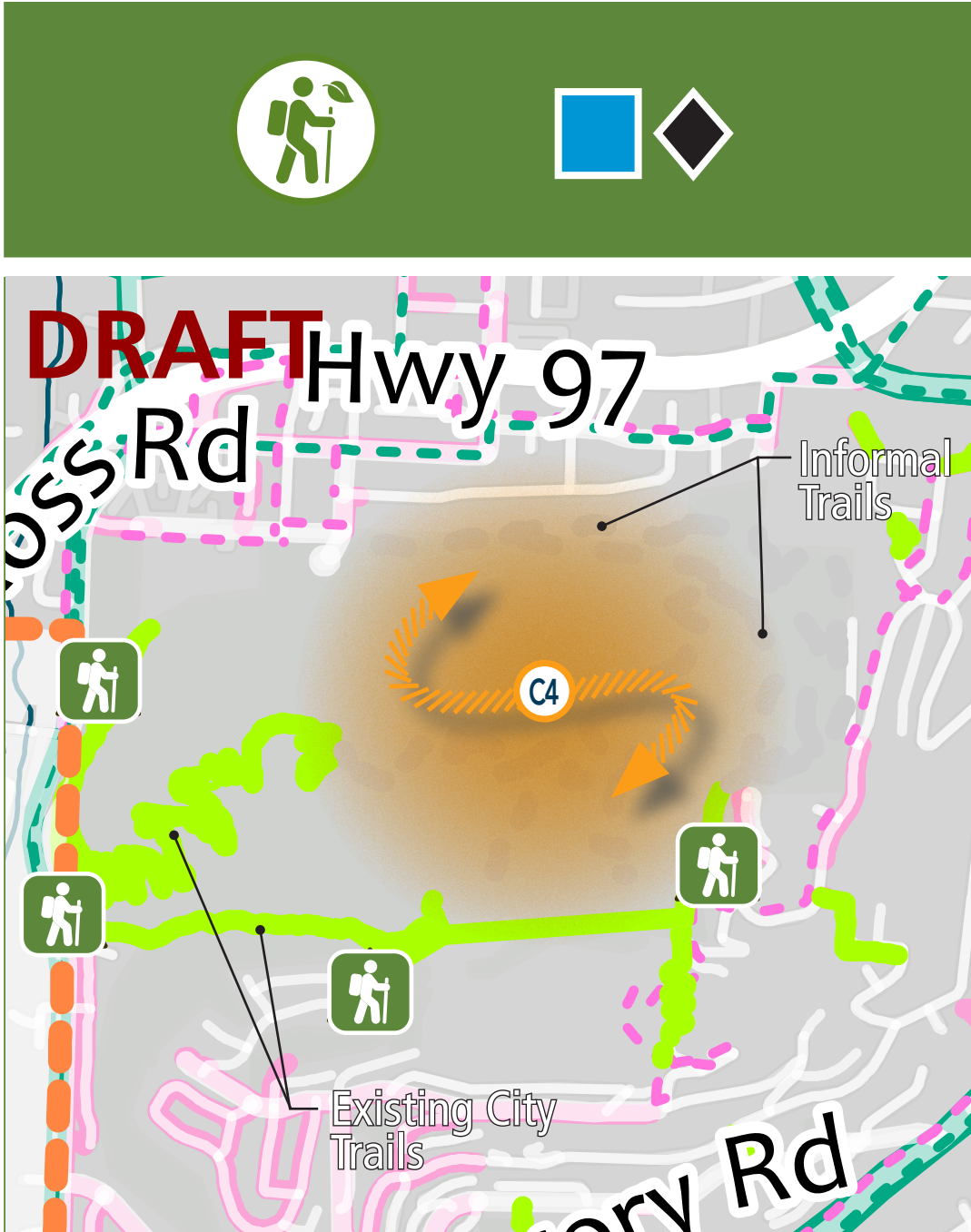
WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ The City owns and manages Mount Boucherie Park and has recently secured and developed additional connections to the park trails
- ▶ A portion of the summit and slopes are Crown land with informal, unmaintained trails
- ▶ There is high public interest in continued preservation of natural areas and trails
- ▶ Potential for collaborations

ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Undertake re-routing and improvements on Andesite Grinder Trail (City trail)
- ▶ Engage with the Province and partners regarding ongoing management of the informal trails

PROPOSED TRAIL TYPE & RATING



Continue to support others interested in applying for Section 57 Authorizations to manage trails within Crown Land areas.

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SUPPORT TO OTHERS

WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

ACTIONS TO TAKE

PROPOSED TRAIL TYPE & RATING

- ▶ The Crown Land trails networks in the hillsides above West Kelowna are a valued recreational amenity
- ▶ Others (non-profits) operate select authorized networks for recreational trail use including Smith Creek Trails and Rose Valley Trails
- ▶ The City plays a supporting role through contributions and support for trailheads and signage

- ▶ Consider opportunities to support others in processes to formalize key existing informal Crown land trails
- ▶ Potential areas of community interest:
 - » McDougall Rim Trails
 - » Carrot Mountain Trails
 - » Powers Creek Trails
 - » Drought Mountain Trails
 - » Connections between Smith Creek and Rose Valley neighbourhoods



Smith Creek Crown Trails Trail Access

Continue to support partners interested in developing and managing recreational trails that benefit West Kelowna residents.

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SUPPORT TO OTHERS

WHY IS THIS RECOMMENDED?

- ▶ West Kelowna residents have access to trails that are owned and managed by partners including the Regional District of Central Okanagan
- ▶ Community input indicates a desire for enhanced linkages into existing networks
- ▶ Coordination with others will support recreational trails connectivity in the City

ACTIONS TO TAKE

- ▶ Review existing partnership agreements
- ▶ Support implementation of regional or other initiatives
- ▶ Participate in collaborations with partners that have trails connectivity interests
- ▶ Potential areas of community interest:
 - » Glen Canyon connectivity
 - » Waterfront connectivity

PROPOSED TRAIL TYPE & RATING





Glen Canyon Regional Park