



# Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC

*Accessing the backcountry one step at a time*

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**APRIL 2012 E-NEWS**

## **FMCBC NEWS**

### **FMCBC Provincial Advocacy Committee**

The FMCBC's newly formed Provincial Advocacy Committee has now held two meetings with the next one scheduled for Monday May 7th at 7:30pm via teleconference. The committee is in the process of hiring a researcher to help the FMCBC develop a strategy and background material to support our advocacy efforts. The committee is also monitoring issues such as ORV licensing, the Natural Resource Roads Act, the Provincial Trails Strategy, and the Banff Conference relating to the National Trails Coalition. We are looking for representatives from all regions of BC so if you are interested in getting involved please [contact us](#) to find out more and thank you to those who have already volunteered to help us get this new committee off the ground.

### **SW BC Recreation and Conservation Committee Questioning the Sea to Sky Gondola Proposal**

The committee has been discussing the pros and cons of the current [Sea to Sky Gondola Proposal](#) for Squamish. Recently Recreation and Conservation Committee Co-Chair Brian Wood received a [letter](#) from David Greenfield of the Sea to Sky Gondola Corp regarding their proposal and some of the possible questions that the committee has had. Currently the committee has not reached an agreement on whether it supports the project or not and is working to find answers to help reach that decision. Further information on the proposal and maps can be found [here](#).

### **The FMCBC Welcomes Two New Clubs**

The FMCBC would like to welcome the Doug Smith of the [Kamloops Hiking Club](#) and Al Jenkins of the [Friends of Garibaldi Park](#) as our newest FMCBC Directors and Member Clubs. Thank you for your support and we look forward to project and regional updates from you and your clubs.

## **IN THE NEWS**

[Think ski season is over? Try B.C.'s backcountry for spring skiing](#) - Globe and Mail, April 25, 2012

[Sea to Sky Gondola proposal riles former B.C. environment minister](#) - Georgia Straight, April 19, 2012

[BC Parks commits \\$200,000 to volunteer projects](#) - Ministry of Environment Press Release, April 15, 2012

[\\$1 million for parks and trails along Lower Fraser River](#) - Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Press Release, April 9, 2012

[Snowmobile community ensures sustainable future for caribou habitat](#) - Clearwater Times, April 2, 2012

[Nature's classroom option open for Kootenay students](#) - Nelson Star, April 2, 2012

## **MOUNTAIN MATTERS**

[Expeditions to the Edge: Stories of Worldwide Adventure](#) - book review by Ron Dart (ACC-Vancouver)

[Buck Nelson Tackles the Desert Trail](#) - by Bob Davis, Desert Survivors, Desert Newsflash Issue 13, March 2012

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The FMCBC's 2012 **Annual General Meeting** will take place in Squamish on **Saturday, June 2nd** from 9:30am - 4pm with social activities planned for Friday and Saturday evenings and a group hike planned for Sunday morning. If you are interested in attending the meeting and/or social events please download our [AGM registration form](#) and return it to us by **May 15**. Hope you can join us!

We are looking for a **Cloudburst cover photo** for our Spring/Summer issue coming out at the beginning of June. If you have a great photo please [email](#) it to us before May 7th when we will make our final decision. We are looking for a summer shot with some people actively enjoying the backcountry.

Some FMCBC members are hoping to take the [Wilderness First Aid for Outdoor Leaders](#) course over a couple of weekends this Spring in Vancouver or on the North Shore. If you are interested in this course contact [Sirius](#) to register or [email us](#) to be put in contact with the person hoping to organize the course.

BC Parks [Online Volunteer Community](#) is now active and the FMCBC is featured as one of their [provincial partners](#). They have also completed their [Volunteer Public Engagement Report](#) which will help guide them in developing their Volunteer Strategy which should be ready for comment in the late Spring.

[Department of National Defense gates](#) have been removed providing access to Slesse Creek

[Click here](#) to learn how to apply for Park Enhancement Funding for your local club project.

[Click here](#) to participate in a survey on the proposed [Spearhead Huts Project](#).

[Click here](#) to read the [Friends of Cypress Provincial Park](#) April Newsletter.

[Walks and Easy Hikes in the Canadian Rockies](#) guidebook just released.

*If you have a story or new article about trails, backcountry access or conservation from your region of BC, please [email](#) it to us so we can include it in the next issue of the FMCBC E-News.*

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[Click here](#) to view the Fall/Winter 2011 issue of Cloudburst.

Visit the [Canadian Avalanche Centre](#) for current conditions and bulletins

Visit Bivouac via the FMCBC [website](#) to report ORV infractions

Visit [Canada Helps](#) to make a donation to the FMCBC

The FMCBC is looking for volunteers. [Click here](#) to find out how you can get involved.

The FMCBC would like to thank [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#) for supporting the FMCBC through their generous contribution of office space from which to base our administration.

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*The mission of the FMCBC is to advocate for safe, self-propelled activities (such as hiking, mountaineering, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, trail running and other backcountry activities) and the protection of BC's backcountry for current and future generations to experience.*

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