



Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC

Accessing the backcountry one step at a time

JANUARY 2013 E-NEWS

---Please note that we had some issues sending the December E-News and apologize for anyone who may have missed it. We are including a couple important FMCBC Updates/Announcements from the December newsletter in hopes they reach everyone this time.---

FMCBC NEWS

FMCBC Dues Reduction for 2013

The FMCBC Board of Directors voted in favour of reducing FMCBC membership dues beginning in 2013 from \$15 per member to \$10 per member. The FMCBC has given out membership rebates for the past two years and the Board decided to make this a permanent reduction. Each year the FMCBC's financial situation will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at the AGM, but for now the Board feels that the current expenses of the FMCBC can be covered at \$10 per member.

Smoke Bluffs Park

Since 1987, the FMCBC has been holding lands in trust for the climbing community in order to maintain access to the Smoke Bluffs. In August 2012, the FMCBC received a proposal from District of Squamish for transfer of the FMCBC lands to the District for the purpose of incorporating the lands into the Smoke Bluffs Park. [Click here](#) to learn more about their proposal and the FMCBC's concerns.

Outreach/Communications Committee

The FMCBC Outreach/Communications Committee held a meeting in January to discuss strategies for the upcoming year. We are planning to update the website, create a couple Powerpoint Presentations and hopefully put together a calendar for 2014. Samantha Harrigan has also volunteered to post important information/updates on projects, access issues, and opportunities for public comments to Club Tread to help us spread the word to the broader outdoor community. If anyone is interested in volunteering on this committee we could definitely use more help. Contact [Jodi](#) to find out how you can get involved.

SW BC Recreation and Conservation Summary Report

On January 8th, the committee [submitted comments](#) to BC Parks on the draft [Garibaldi Park Management Plan Amendment for the Spearhead Area](#). The committee is currently drafting comments for the [Golden Ears Park Management Plan Draft](#). If you have specific concerns about the Golden Ears Park Management Plan Draft please [email](#) them to us before February 8th.

IN THE NEWS

[Park Protectors Get Their Day in Court](#) - Friends of Strathcona Park Press Release, January 28, 2013

[Winter access, services put on ice at national parks across the country](#) - Times Colonist, January 24, 2013

[Rights of hikers and backcountry skiers at issue in battle over development of Garibaldi Provincial Park](#) - Vancouver Sun, January 7, 2013

MOUNTAIN MATTERS

[Take two hours of pine forest and call me in the morning](#) - Outside Magazine, December 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Golden Ears Park Management Plan Draft](#)

Open Houses (If you cannot make one of the open houses you can submit your comments [online](#)):

- Vancouver - Jan 29, UBC Robson Square, Room C225, 800 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC
- Maple Ridge - Jan 31, Maple Ridge Public Library, Fraser Room, 22470 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge, BC

Schedule for both open houses:

- 6:00 PM Doors open
- 6:30 PM Presentation
- 7:00 PM Discussion
- 8:00 PM Adjourn

The FMCBC **21 Mile Creek** User [Survey](#) is continuing for the 2012-2013 season. [Click here](#) for more info on snowmobiles in the non-motorized zone.

FMCBC AGM 2013 will be taking place in Kamloops this year. One of our newest clubs, the [Kamloops Hiking Club](#) will be hosting and it sounds like Doug Smith has a great weekend full of activities planned. The AGM will take place on Saturday, June 8th with activities planned for Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Watch the E-News for more information and to register.

The FMCBC would like to welcome David Overall who has taken over from Caroline Clapham as our Director for the [ACC-Vancouver Section](#). Thank you for volunteering with us, David and thank-you, Caroline for the time you contributed to the FMCBC as a Director and as our Vice President.

The FMCBC would also like to welcome Chris Causton as our new Director for the [Vancouver Island Spine Trail Association](#) and thank Andrew Pape-Salmon for his contributions while he was in this role.

Katharine Steig of the Friends of Cypress Provincial Park Society wanted to share a video with our members about the [Black Mountain Plateau Bog Bridge](#) which was completed this summer thanks to BC Parks, the [Friends of Cypress Provincial Park Society](#), the North Shore Wetlands Partners and the [Knee Knackered](#) volunteers.

The [Vancouver Island Trails Information Society](#) celebrates [40 years of publishing trail guides](#). Congratulations on all the work your organization has accomplished over the years.

Here's an update on the [Caledonia Ramblers' Universal Boardwalk](#) project

[GoTrekks](#) - For all your mapping needs. Topographic maps on paper or synthetic. I also customize topo maps with up to 12 photos centered around a cottage, birthplace or specific area. Call or email for details. I also stock the John Baldwin ski tour maps & book, gloves & much more.

[Click here](#) to view the Fall/Winter 2012 issue of Cloudburst! The deadline for articles for the next issue is **April 15, 2013**

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

As always 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.

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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