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RE: Westshore Parkway Extension and hiking access

I am contacting you on behalf of the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC (FMCBC). We are a province-wide organization representing over 5000 individuals from 34 outdoor clubs across B.C. Many of our clubs are on Vancouver Island including the Outdoor Club of Victoria and the Vancouver Island Section of Alpine Club of Canada to name just a couple.

Our organization was recently informed by one of our members that based on the map included in the recent Times Columnist [article](#) that the planned Westshore Parkway extension from Langford Lake to Sooke Road will come out on Awsworth Road to merge with Sooke Road. There is concern that the parking area that hikers use at Awsworth Road and the trail access from the south to Mt. Wells could be lost. Although the trail may not be an official one, it is used by many hikers, trail bikers and trail runners. Our member has informed us that this access is better than the official access from the NE and is hoping that it can be protected.

We would like the opportunity to speak with someone about the project early in the planning stages to see if there are ways that this recreation access can be maintained.

Thank you for your time.

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