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Carol Mason
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Dear Ms. Mason:

I have been talking to Mayor Richard Walton from North Vancouver District and with Water Services staff at Metro Vancouver about the BCMC trail that is primarily on Metro Vancouver land on the south side of Grouse Mountain in North Vancouver. The trail has a long history of use that is described in the attached report.

The trail's usage has drastically increased over the past 10 years and erosion is starting to become a concern. Unfortunately the erosion is resulting in dangerous conditions for users. There are many loose rocks that are a slipping and tripping hazard. There is also a small possibility of users kicking rocks down on hikers lower on the trail. The erosion is also making future trail maintenance difficult at the present location.

We would like to develop a plan with Metro Vancouver to work on the trail. Before we can work on funding sources we need a firm commitment that Metro Vancouver will allow trail maintenance to start. Depending on the plan it could be Metro Vancouver, a contractor or one of the FMCBC member clubs that would actually do the work.

Our member clubs such as the BC Mountaineering Club, Alpine Club of Canada Vancouver Section and North Shore Hikers support this project. We also have support from the North Shore Rescue team. Please have your staff contact me at 604-209-2646 or jaymac@telus.net so we can work on an agreement.

Yours truly,

Jay MacArthur
Director

Copy to:

Mayor Richard Walton, District of North Vancouver
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