



### Provincial Trails Advisory Body is on the right track

Members of the Provincial Trails Advisory Body (PTAB) held their inaugural meeting on March 10, 2015 in Richmond to develop the group's terms of reference and continue implementing actions from British Columbia's Trails Strategy.

The formation of the Provincial Trails Advisory Body is a key achievement of the *Trails Strategy for British Columbia*, the blueprint for the maintenance and enhancement of B.C.'s recreational trail system.

Begun in 2009, and officially adopted by cabinet in 2013, the strategy identifies guiding principles, key issues and a planning framework for planning and managing trails in B.C. The Provincial Trails Strategy specifically mentions the establishment of a Provincial Trails Advisory Body as a key implementation action.

Recreation Sites and Trails BC led the development of the PTAB and worked with the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC on behalf of provincial member groups representing public recreation throughout the province.

Membership of the advisory body comprises representatives from Recreations Sites and Trails BC (Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations), BC Parks (Ministry of Environment), Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, BC Wildlife Association, Wilderness Tourism Association and BC Recreation and Parks Association.

In addition, the body includes five persons appointed by the Outdoor Recreation Council, representing public recreation—as well as the executive director of the Outdoor Recreation Council, Jeremy McCall, who acts as co-chair.

#### Provincial Trails Advisory Body (PTAB) Membership:

John Hawkings (co-chair)  
Jeremy McCall (co-chair)  
Tennessee Trent  
Andrew Drouin  
Orville Smith  
Tyler Kraushar  
Nick Heath

Robert Holland  
David Oliver  
Allan Callander  
Brian Farquhar  
Kirby Villeneuve  
Evan Loveless

Key roles for the Provincial Trails Advisory Body include:

- Assist government in ensuring the implementation is consistent with the intent of the trails strategy,
- Advise government of any recommended improvements to the Trails Strategy, and

- Provide a collaborative forum for the many trails organizations and interests to help ensure that the Trails Strategy continues to meet the needs of all trail users.

The next meeting of the Provincial Trails Advisory Body will be in the fall of 2015.

**Learn More:** Outdoor Recreation Council - <http://orc.bc.ca/index.html>

***Trails Strategy for British Columbia:***

[http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/documents/Trail\\_Strategy%20for\\_BC.pdf](http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/documents/Trail_Strategy%20for_BC.pdf)