



Lack of connectivity and land ownership

Connectivity and non-motorized transportation are emerging trends. Small urban connector trails will become more important as non-motorized transportation options are pursued in West Vancouver and throughout Metro Vancouver.

As development proceeds, ensuring connectivity is important so residents can get around their community using trails and non-motorized transportation.

Many West Vancouver trails are on District land; others are on private land. Although the private land-owners may agree with the high recreational values associated with trails, they are concerned about increased unauthorized trail building, associated liability, and other effects like erosion, tree removal and conflicts with other trail users (Parks Master Plan, 2012).

WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR:

- concerns regarding the small urban connector trails in neighbourhoods that allow residents to travel more directly within the community (e.g. to bus stops etc.)
- a lack of connectivity is a great challenge and made especially difficult when considering the collage of landownership across the District
- there is a strong desire to retain the recreational trail experiences and opportunities in the Upper Lands—many trails in this area are unauthorized and on private land although they have been used by the community for decades.

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN A DISTRICT TRAILS PLAN:

- prioritize the establishment of new trails where they will improve connectivity
- ensure small urban connector trails in neighbourhoods are identified—include them in the Trails Plan, coordinate them with the Pedestrian Network Plan and determine whether additional protection is needed
- work with land owners to enhance connectivity, and formalize public access through cooperation and negotiation
- include the planning of trails in the design of new neighbourhoods such as Cypress Village
- develop trail construction standards for future trail construction.



What else do we need to know about connectivity?

1. Which suggested recommendation do you feel is most important?
2. Is there anything we missed?