



ROTARY CLUB OF SMITHERS, B.C.

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Peak to Valley Run update;

In May of this year application was made to the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts (Kevin Eskelin Forest Recreation Officer, Recreation Sites and Trails Unit) for a proposed trail joining the town of Smithers to the ski area. Meetings were held, field trips with interested parties were done and the application was fine tuned requesting a 300 meter corridor within which a 50 meter wide or less run could be built. As of yesterday the application was still on Mr. Eskelins' desk. He says he is swamped with work but it is a very good project and saw no reason why it won't get approval once the powers that be get to it.

Bill Myers , our liaison with the Hudson Bay Mountain Cabin owners and the Smithers Ski Club has entered on a data base all of the info from the petitions that were passed around town this spring. Following is a summary of the data;

Total Supporters	2902	
Monetary Supporters	127	\$12,615.00
Labor/Equipment	176	

In addition to this we have already collected \$6000 through paid up pledges and our auction on the mountain this spring plus a commitment of \$10,000 from the Smithers Rotary Clubs. I have additional commitments from several local business including the Credit Union, BV Wholesale , Remax and Ski Smithers for \$6000, bringing the total of pledged and collected to \$34,615.00 . Add to this the pledged labor and Machine time, it would safe to say this community has raised \$50,000 towards this project.

This week we will be making application to UBMC Community Tourism Funds for grant money for this project. I have been advised that this project is a perfect fit for these funds.

Thanks for your continued support.

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