

10-Point Trails Checklist
Compiled Responses from Candidates
for District of Squamish Municipal Election
Nov 2008

What is the Checklist about

All candidates were invited to submit responses to 10 actions that the Trails Society and other groups with common interests feel are important for the District to do, in order to support volunteer organizations' and individuals' efforts. For each of the 10 proposed actions, the candidates were invited to comment on how important, how achievable, and optional written comments.

Responses from Candidates

Responses were received from the following 13 councillor candidates:

Jeff McKenzie
Deb McBride
Doug Race
Catherine Jackson
Bryan Raiser
Corrine Lonsdale
David Clarkson
Patricia Heintzman
Jorli Ricker
Mike Jenson
Rob Kirkham
Paul Lalli
Alan Forsythe (added to updated document Nov 8th, 2008)

The checklist was also distributed to mayoral candidates. No responses were received.

What is in this document? What if I want more info?

We have compiled information exactly as it was received from candidates without adjustment or comment.

Original or scanned copies of the submitted checklists are available upon request. All of the content from the completed and submitted checklists have been recorded as a one-pager for each of the candidates.

We hope you will find the collected information helpful in learning about various candidates' interests and priorities on key trail and bike lane issues in the community, to inform your vote in the municipal election. Feel free to follow up with any of the candidates if you have further questions. Also, checkout their web sites and www.squamishonline.com

Also please pass on this information to others. This info is being sent to reps of organizations for distribution to their memberships: Squamish Trails Society, SORCA, Squamish Titans, Squamish Environmental Conservation Society, Brackendale Owners and Tenants Association, Streamkeepers, Tantalus Walking Club, Over the Hill Hikers, WOW, Squamish Valley Equestrian Association, Squamish Dirt Bike Association, Squamish Access Society, Brackendale Farmers Institute. Copies are also provided to candidates who submitted completed checklists.

This project was coordinated and administered by the Trails Society. You can contact us with any questions. Sqtrails-bob@telus.net Bob Brant, President, Squamish Trails Society.

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Candidate: Jeff McKenzie

	Proposed Action	How important?	How achievable?	Candidate comments
1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	10	10	as a council member 2005-2008 funded this position
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	9	10	master plan is already on the way
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	8	10	very good to achieve in the next year
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	9	10	I don't know if 10% is achievable for sure 5% is a must!
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	9	9	should be the same as funding for fields and ice!!!
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	9	10	work with other groups to multiply the funding! Look for prov and fed funding to assist.
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	9	10	just takes a decision by council
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	9	10	important and very achievable. Not very costly and a direction we should be going!
9	Revise the OCP to ensure the "no net loss" of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way "challenge" is not repeated.	10	10	should not be any "net loss" to trails. A "net gain" should be the goal.
10	Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.	9	10	can direct all depts with this. Need a majority on council to achieve this.

Candidate: Deb McBride

	Proposed Action	How important?	How achievable?	Candidate comments
1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	10	10	right priority for spending
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	10	10	right priority for spending
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	10	10	right priority for spending
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	10	10	absolutely - priorities for people first
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	10	10	great - I'll do it - elect a council that will put people's needs first
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	10	10	perfect - with climate change this is survival - thinking for the 21st century!
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	10	10	you've already got the people and the plan. Elect a council to do it. I will!
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	10	10	absolutely necessary to get people onto their feet and their pedals.
9	Revise the OCP to ensure the "no net loss" of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way "challenge" is not repeated.	10	10	Discovery Way must be CLOSED in favour of Pedestrian and non polluting traffic.
10	Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.	10	10	right! I see on the SORCA website that is your method to warn and respect construction in closed areas of blasting

Candidate: Doug Race

	Proposed Action	How important?	How achievable?	Candidate comments
1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	7	7	
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	8	6	
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	8	8	
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	8	3	can't commit to allocating 10% of paving budget
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	7	7	
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	6	6	
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	8	8	
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	8	8	
9	Revise the OCP to ensure the "no net loss" of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way "challenge" is not repeated.	7	7	
10	Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.	8	8	

Candidate: Catherine Jackson

	Proposed Action	How important?	How achievable?	Candidate comments
1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	10	10	DTC position is critical to a good trail network. Expansion of duties and responsibilities may be needed, I would like to see more integration with Planning department to prevent trail loss.
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	10	8	If a master plan is not possible financially then there should at least be identification of existing and proposed trails in Sub Area Plans for each neighbourhood, especially when new developments are considered.
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	10	10	Important initiative to put into action as soon as possible. Pedestrian and cyclist safety is a priority.
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	10	10	Bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure should not be considered as an optional extra – it is a necessity. 10% of the paving budget is reasonable to spend on this alternate mode of transport. If we really become a bike/pedestrian oriented community the district could save money in the future on road maintenance and parking facilities.
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	10	9	This is very important; without investment the trails system relies on volunteer work. Regarding the trails system as part of necessary infrastructure and an outdoor recreation asset to the community demands a budget item for improvements and expansion.
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	8	8	Additional summer staff request is valid – I would need to understand the existing accessibility of labourer resources from community development and parks departments for trails projects.
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	6	6	Important to distinguish between commuter trails and recreation trails. Commuter trails would definitely benefit from having a set of standards applied especially with reference to new intersections.
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	10	10	This signage should be an essential part of our trails master plan and will benefit the community by making trails more user friendly for visitors.
9	Revise the OCP to ensure the “no net loss” of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way “challenge” is not repeated.	10	10	There must be a consensus on council that trails and environmental values are as significant as the benefits from community growth and development. If these assets are not considered a priority Squamish is in danger of losing trails and environmental and recreation values that many people have chosen to live here for.

Candidate: Catherine Jackson

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Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.

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A protocol must be developed and adhered to for inclusion of assessment of retention and creation of trail connectivity for every new development.

Candidate: Bryan Raiser

	Proposed Action	How important?	How achievable?	Candidate comments
1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	10	blank	This position MUST be occupied by someone capable of writing ENDLESS grant proposals.
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	10	blank	As for achievable or not. For almost 12 years I've been fighting for each and every thing on this entire list. Is it achievable? Only time will tell once I'm elected I'm certainly going to get to the bottom of these VERY important issues that are obviously dear to my heart.
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	10	blank	
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	10	blank	
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	10		
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	10		
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	10	blank	
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	10	blank	
9	Revise the OCP to ensure the "no net loss" of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way "challenge" is not repeated.	10	blank	
10	Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.	10	blank	

Candidate: Corinne Lonsdale

	Proposed Action	How important?	How achievable?	Candidate comments
1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	blank	10	I believe the budget for Mr. Pope is in the neighbourhood of 70,000 per year. The Trails budget in our budget document lists the position and trail maintenance as the allocation for trails. Capitol is in another section. A statement was made at the SORCA All Candidates that we only allocated roughly 15,000 in 2008 to trails. The budget document states Trails received approx. 85,000. More work such as being the lead for the Trails Master Plan and other projects included in this questionnaire will create enough work to last at least 3 years. It will remain and only be cut if the people have different priorities.
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	8	10	This work can be undertaken by a Trails Master Planning Task Force (TMPTF) with Mr. Pope as the lead. There is no need to spend money on costly consultants.
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	10	10	Safe routes along arterial roads are of priority with me. This task force needs to assist in developing the plan, prioritizing the works and an implementation strategy.
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	10	7	Allocation of any % is not the best way. In my opinion even if we didn't have an allocation for paving we still need to make the cycling/pedestrian routes safe. I support completing those routes on our main arterial roads within this next term....the majority of it being done in 2009. There are areas that are not within our jurisdiction. Squamish Nation, BCRail properties and even some private ownership will make having the cycling lanes on both sides of Government in particular difficult to achieve in the short term.
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	8	7	Again budgetary constraints will influence any capitol expenditures. I do not wish to incur more debt. Operating is different. We must look after the trails we build or we will have wasted your volunteer time and tax payers dollars.
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	5	1	We are told that we are facing another 8 – 10 % tax increase in 2009. I will not support a big tax increase and know at this time we will not be able to afford hiring extra summer staff.
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	5	5	I think this is a piece of work that fits in the scope of the TMPTF. If they decide it should be a priority then it is achievable in 6 mos. ...if they don't it won't be.
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	7	7	Again this should be included in the scope of work of the TMPTF. Funding for signage will have to be considered along with all other budget items.

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9	Revise the OCP to ensure the “no net loss” of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way “challenge” is not repeated.	8	8	
10	Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.	10	10	

Candidate: David Clarkson

	Proposed Action	How important?	How achievable?	Candidate comments
1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	9	10	I would like to review this position with the goal of broadening Todd's mandate to oversee social and recreation events, and to be a liaison to respective community groups, and to ensure maximum taxpayer value.
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	7	8	I'm not sure what this would entail, but am certainly supportive of the idea
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	3	10	I'm unclear as to what this would mean. It seems to me that these issues were addressed by the Select Corridor Trail Committee, and the Corridor Trail. Please contact me to clarify this one.
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	10	10	I am a strong supporter of proper sidewalks and bicycle lanes. As a resident of Westway Avenue, I am too familiar with the neglect shown towards this vital infrastructure.
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	7	7	Again, I am unclear of exactly what is being asked for. With huge challenges facing the next budget, I cannot guarantee the availability of funding, but recognize the services that trails and outdoor recreation provide the community, and the need for the District to support it as much as possible.
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	5	7	This could be a big ticket budget item. While I support it, I again can't guarantee the availability of funding, as it might not be prudent given the current fiscal climate. I think that money would be better spent covering capital costs for volunteers, such as supplies, tools, and other equipment.
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	10	10	It is disappointing that this document has been around for as long as it has without being enacted. I will fully support this measure.
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	8	9	While I have a hard time imagining signs costing 20,000 dollars, I support this measure.
9	Revise the OCP to ensure the "no net loss" of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way "challenge" is not repeated.	10	10	This was a concern of mine that I expressed while sitting on the Select Corridor Trail Committee. With the rapid pace of development, we must ensure that our recreational amenities are not compromised.
10	Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.	10	10	I'm surprised this hasn't already been done.

Candidate: Patricia Heintzman

	Proposed Action	How important?	How achievable?	Candidate comments
1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	10	8	Very much depends on Council makeup
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	8	5	I need to see justification Of how much this would be. If it is close to \$50,000 Then I think it is doable. Closer to \$100,000 will be tough to sell.
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	9	9	This should be relatively easy to do.
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	10	6	This has been a priority for me for many years. 10% of paving budget is just a starting point. Ideally bike lane and pedestrian infrastructure should be their own budget items independent of paving program. Very much depends on the make up of council.
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	8	6	\$25,000 is a bare minimum. \$50,000 may take some time to get to.
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	6	4	I just can't see council approving this. But I certainly think it's worth considering.
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	9	7	I've been waiting for it. Council has been waiting for it. Bring it on.
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	8	7	There is opportunity for private sector partnership on this potentially...tourism recreation industries...
9	Revise the OCP to ensure the "no net loss" of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way "challenge" is not repeated.	10	8	Hopefully others see the benefit in this. It demonstrates our core values.
10	Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.	10	8	The trails coordinator needs to be in the planning department. Communication needs to be constant between departments.

Candidate: Jorli Ricker

	Proposed Action	How important?	How achievable?	Candidate comments
1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	8	5 -- 6	I'm not sure how achievable it is. I don't have any experience of how funding works.
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	10	5 --6	I think something similar the Valley Trail in Whistler would be a great addition to Squamish, The valley is linear and would greatly benefit from such infrastructure.
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	10	10	Yes, easily doable.
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	5 --6	5 -- 6	I'm not so sure I like the idea of mixing bikes and cars. I personally hate smelling car exhaust when I'm cycling or running. I'd rather see a Valley Trail type network to accommodate cyclist that would take considerations such as work and schools into the design process.
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	10	10	Should be factored into any trail initiative.
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	8 --9	8 --9	Like any initiative, maintenance costs will have to be factored in.
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	8 --9	8 --9	Hard to pin down, need to see where the money is going to come from, I have seen what other priorities could potentially take precedent.
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	5--6	5--6	I'd rather see the organizations create a collective understanding amongst themselves and then approach the Muni as a collective voice with a solid platform.
9	Revise the OCP to ensure the "no net loss" of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way "challenge" is not repeated.	8--9	8--9	Yes, provided private property rights are respected.
10	Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.	10	10	Yes

Candidate: Mike Jenson

	Proposed Action	How important?	How achievable?	Candidate comments
1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	10	10	will continue to support this position
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	10	10	plan is long overdue
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	10	10	I would volunteer as council rep. Community Task Force is a must.
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	10	10	already in the budget process. Government and Westway are priorities.
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	8	8	will consider on a project by project basis.- joint and grant funding encouraged
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	7	7	depends on projects and amount; relates to #5 above.
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	8	10	this is a staff capacity issue - would receive my support
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	8	8	let's get the trails masterplan done, then plan signage
9	Revise the OCP to ensure the "no net loss" of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way "challenge" is not repeated.	8	8	we need to be more proactive
10	Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.	8	7	open to this suggestion that a select recreation committee advise council on recreation issues, including trails.

Candidate: Rob Kirkham

	Proposed Action	How important?	How achievable?	Candidate comments
1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	8	6	I believe trails are a valuable attribute of Squamish & that financial resources should be directed to ensure that the most effective use of every dollar is being made Every Answer that requires funding has to be conditional on Tax Dollars available and balanced with all priorities of the District.
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	10	10	A District wide trails master plan is something that should have been in place long before now. And is a priority for Squamish. How much money is required or will be available I cannot say at this time
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	5	5	It is difficult to identify the question in this Item, however I would like to work with interested parties on commuter routes.
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	10	9	Westway has now been paved however Govt. rd. remains a priority for repaving, shoulders & sidewalks. Neighborhood connecting trail system is a top priority & should be moved forward. Maybe more than 10%. Should not be tied to paving (ie. could be no paving in a given year.)
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	10	10	It is premature for me to committee specific dollar amounts out of future years budgets however I agree that there should be an annual exercise of reviewing budgeting for trails
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	10	8	Funding summer work on trails would be included as a specific line item in any budget allocated to trails each year.
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	8	8	I will review & discuss the draft trail standards within the 1st 6 months in council if implemented in 5 months or 18 months is not as critical as getting it right.
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	10	10	Squamish should have an integrated trail Signage plan which should include mapping & involve input from all interested parties.
9	Revise the OCP to ensure the “no net loss” of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way “challenge” is not repeated.	9	7	The OCP is currently under revision and should be a Community developed plan. Inclusion or exclusion should be at the direction of the community.

Candidate: Rob Kirkham

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Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.

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I could not agree more, communication is critical & the District must improve on communication with the public on all issues.

Candidate: Paul Lalli				
	Proposed Action	How important?	How achievable?	Candidate comments
1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	blank	10	Do not know the importance of this item without knowing all the other priorities of the community therefore I can't promise to fund this until I see the budget
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	blank	10	Again I can't promise to fund this until Council is in the budget process. It is then Council sees a clear picture of all the community's priorities
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	10	10	I believe this should happen prior to #2
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	10	10	The percentage of 10% I am not sure of; however I do believe we need to look at shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements to improve our bicycle road infrastructure
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	blank	10	Again I can't promise funding until I see the other community priorities and this can only happen during the budget process. I can promise you everything however I don't believe I would be responsible by doing that.
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	blank	10	Again I can't promise funding until I see the other community priorities and this can only happen during the budget process. I can promise you everything however I don't believe I would be responsible by doing that.
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	8	blank	We need to ensure that the DTC believes this is achievable.
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	10	blank	I believe this should and can be funded through corporate sponsorship.
9	Revise the OCP to ensure the "no net loss" of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way "challenge" is not repeated.	10	10	
10	Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.	blank	blank	There are a lot of trails going thru private lands.

Candidate: Alan Forsythe				
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1	Confirm and fund the District Trails Coordinator [DTC] position for the duration of the 2008-2011 elected term.	9	6	blank
2	Immediately fund, create and implement a District-wide Trails Master Plan.	9	8	blank
3	Immediately establish a Commuter Route Task Force and direct staff to with input from community groups and review of successful standards from other communities. The goal is to have this complete by November 2009.	9	7	blank
4	Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway.	9	6	blank
5	Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups.	8	5	blank
6	Fund additional summer staff for trail work.	8	6	blank
7	Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term.	10	9	blank
8	Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support.	8	6	blank
9	Revise the OCP to ensure the "no net loss" of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way "challenge" is not repeated.	10	10	blank
10	Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues.	9	8	blank

2008 District of Squamish Council Candidates' 10-Point Trails Checklist

Dear Candidate,

Thanks for running for a Council position. We appreciate your dedication to your community that this entails.

As you may be aware many individuals dedicate countless volunteer hours to develop trails and keep them in order. Lately this task has become very difficult due to increased pressures of fast development and use by out-of-town trail users. It is too much for volunteers to keep up with. As a community we feel the District must step up to the plate and offer further support for our trail and bike lane efforts.

Noted in the attached checklist are a 10 actions we feel will be important steps necessary for the District to take to affect such support. We've included anticipated expenditure associated with each action. As one who is seeking to participate in directing our community affairs for the next three years, we would like to know your thoughts about these proposed actions. For each action, there's an opportunity to rate the importance of each item individually, to rate how achievable each item is, and to provide brief comments.

We will scan responses received by November 5, and email them to participating local groups, including: **Squamish Trails Society, SORCA, the Squamish Titans, the Squamish Environmental Conservation Society, Brackendale Owners & Tenants Association and**

Streamkeepers, Tantalus Walking Club, Over The Hill Hikers, WOW and Squamish Valley Equestrian Association, for distribution to their membership. We will neither adjust the file nor provide comment – members will learn of your responses and positions as you state them in your response.

Instructions:

1. Complete the attached 10-Point Checklist – for each of the 10 actions rate how important each item is, how achievable each item is, and your comments.
2. Sign the final page in box indicated.
3. Submit it **no later than November 5** by email *OR* fax.
 - a) Scan your completed and signed checklist and email it by attachment (e.g. PDF) to Squamish Trails Society President *or* Secretary:
sgtrails-bob@telus.net (Bob Brant, President)
OR
heatherevans@telus.net (Heather Evans, Secretary)
 - b) Fax your completed and signed checklist to 604-898-3892

We will confirm receipt of your submission by email. **Thank you for your participation!**

(* Note: Please rate the importance and achievability of each item *individually*, on its own merit. **Do not rank the actions in relation to one another.**

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<p>4</p>	<p>Initiate substantive changes towards improving bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by committing 10% of the annual paving budget to shoulder paving and sidewalk improvements. Immediately address needs on Government Road and Westway. Estimated expenditure: dependent on each year's paving budget.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not important very important</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not achievable very achievable</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Establish annual capital and operational funding for trails initiatives through the District Trails Coordinator in consultation with user groups. Estimated expenditure: \$25,000 to \$50,000+ for initial budget; subsequent budget total established from Trails Master Plan process</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not important very important</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not achievable very achievable</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Fund additional summer staff for trail work. Estimated expenditure: Current rate for labourer. Staff according to projects needing to be undertaken.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not important very important</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not achievable very achievable</p>	

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<p>7²</p>	<p>Review, discuss and enact the Draft Trail Standards within in first 6 months of new Council term. Estimated expenditure: DTC's time to complete work on Draft Trail Standards for Council review.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not important very important</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not achievable very achievable</p>	
<p>8¹</p>	<p>Develop and fund a 5 year integrated trail signage plan in consultation with STS, SORCA, SDBA and DTC. Possibly look to sponsor for support. Estimated expenditure: Suggest \$10,000 to \$20,000 for the first year, then establish an on-going amount out of the Trails Master Plan process.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not important very important</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not achievable very achievable</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Revise the OCP to ensure the "no net loss" of trails infrastructure policy is adhered to, so a Discovery Trail-Commercial Way "challenge" is not repeated. Estimated expenditure: staff time and a pro-active, cooperative understanding of trails' issues.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not important very important</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not achievable very achievable</p>	

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10	<p>Direct all DOS departments to communicate through the DTC to volunteer groups such as STS when development will affect any existing trails and to developers about on-site trail and trail-user issues. Estimated expenditure: priceless</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not important very important</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 not achievable very achievable</p>	
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I certify that the responses in this checklist are mine, and that they reflect my own opinions and intentions.

Signature of Candidate

Again, we thank you for your participation in this Checklist, and for running for a Council position. We look forward to your submission (see front page for details) no later than November 5.

Squamish Trails Society, SORCA, the Squamish Titans, the Squamish Environmental Conservation Society, Brackendale Owners & Tenants Association, Squamish Streamkeepers, Tantalus Walking Club, Over The Hill Hikers, WOW, and Squamish Valley Equestrian Association

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