

Good Day,

We are here today to propose the building of Phaze 4 (of the Cold Lake Bike Park on behalf of the Cold Lake Bike Park and Trails Society).

Summary

Currently the Cold Lake Bike Park and Trails Society is running strong with 7 trails completed, approximately 6 kms of trails.

As of to date we have recorded 896 volunteer hours assisting the Trail builder with construction. This does not include volunteer hours in regards to trail maintenance at the park. Also, to consider many Military Members who wanted to volunteer where not able to because of the current pandemic.

We have recently implemented new ways to record visitors to the Park with QR scan signs. Currently with trail counters we are averaging 40-60 visitors to the trails a day, with much higher numbers on weekends. It has been observed that there has been many riders coming from surrounding areas to ride the trails, Battleford, Lloydminster, and Lac la Biche are some examples.

Our Society is comprised of 7 board members including multiple executive positions.

We have a board member organizing a group of volunteers for regular trail maintenance and inspections.

We plan on completing more trails this month, which will enable us to host two events next summer. Alberta Youth Summer Games qualifier and a Trailblazer's race which usually draws high numbers of competitors. We are currently following the Alberta Bicycle Association Covid-19 return to play protocol.

We also have volunteers that have stepped up to organize club rides when allowed.

As well, we started grooming fat bike trails this winter with the help of volunteers and two local business's (B&R Eckles Cold Lake and E tree Farms who donated equipment and L&M Marine from Bonnyville who lent us a machine for grooming.

Phaze 4 is an area where riders of all ages can improve their riding safely and build confidence on multiple features.

These areas at other parks are known for areas where families set up picnic areas, birthday parties, and group gatherings.

The features are built to spec and monitored regularly for safety concerns unlike jumps home built at construction sites or in the back woods around town where there are many safety concerns.

There has been an overwhelming request for the park build this summer as the current trails have interested many riders from youth to seniors.

Currently there is no Bike park like this within a 350 km radius and it is our strong belief this will attract many riders to our city.

Mountain Bike Tourism BC conducted a survey at multiple bike parks and they concluded that day users at a bike park would bring in a minimum of \$49.00 a day and users from out of town would spend approximately \$262.00 a day.

Our volunteers and local businesses have really stepped up to help so far and we predict this will not stop, and will improve as we grow.

Currently Hoots Inc has estimated that the skills park with multiple features could be completed for approximately \$750 - \$850 000.

Your consideration for this next big phase is greatly appreciated.