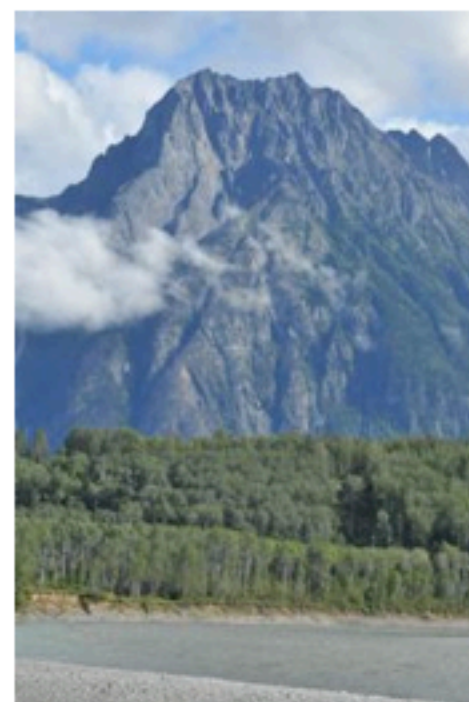


South Hazelton Community Association



Good evening and thank you for taking the time to hear a little bit about the South Hazelton Community Association and our current projects. The SHCA has been functioning for more than a year now with our President; Julia Sundrell-Pierre, Vice-President; Lyle West and Secretary/Treasurer; Shannon Hurst.

During our monthly meetings we have started to take several directions with a variety of projects we feel are relative to not only South Hazelton but the surrounding communities.

Our three main projects this year include dealing with the deteriorated state of our legion and fixing up the ball park. We will be rebuilding the bleachers and fixing the field and fences which feeds into our second project of bringing a variety of softball leagues to the Hazelton's. On that note we hope to discuss the use of the New Hazelton field at a later date.

Our third project is the one that has brought us before you today and that is enhancing and developing a network of trails surrounding South Hazelton. While this plan has different levels spread over the next five years our Association has raised several concerns regarding the overpass between South Hazelton and New Hazelton which has no allowance for pedestrians and cyclists to safely cross.

Since the creation of the New Hazelton Skate and Bike Park there has been a drastic increase in traffic especially with the younger generation and the fact the bridge has very little room has been an ongoing concern for many parents and residents.

We would like to eventually connect our trail system to the main trail that connects New Hazelton to South Hazelton, we are well aware a project of this magnitude will take a great deal of planning and time to accomplish. However, the importance of the overpass is a pressing issue that we hope can be started on in the very near future.

So we are here before you today to ask for thoughts, ideas and suggestions that might help us attain this goal. As we are a new Association we are unsure of the proper processes that lay ahead of us but we felt the first thing we should do is see if the District of New Hazelton is interested in making this a joint venture.

We hope that in the next month councillors and mayor may have time to give this issue some thought and we would like to attend the next meeting in March to look at where to go and hear any and all suggestions you might have.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Have a great evening.

Sincerely,

Shannon Hurst