

Front Counter BC Referral Mountain Bikers of the Central Okanagan (CL-24-02)

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Meeting

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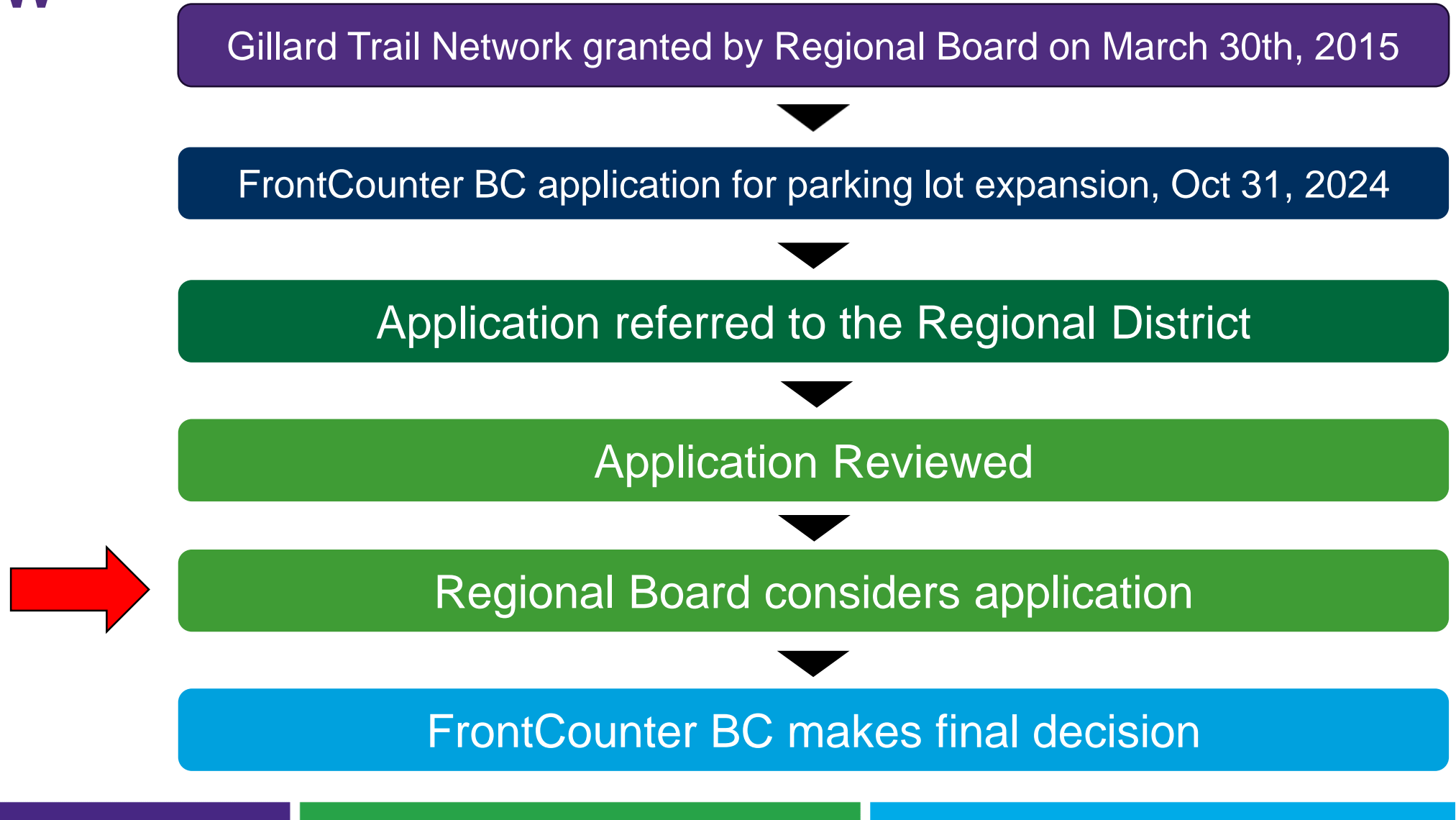
Purpose

To consider a FrontCounter BC referral application to legally designate Crown land for a recreation site for mountain biking.

Overview

- Applicant – Mountain Bikers of the Central Okanagan
- Authorization under Section 56 & 57 of the Forest Range Practices Act
- Expansion of the current Gillard Network Trail parking lot

Overview





Southwest Mission
City of Kelowna

Central Okanagan East Electoral Area

Subject Area

Gillard Creek Forest Service Road

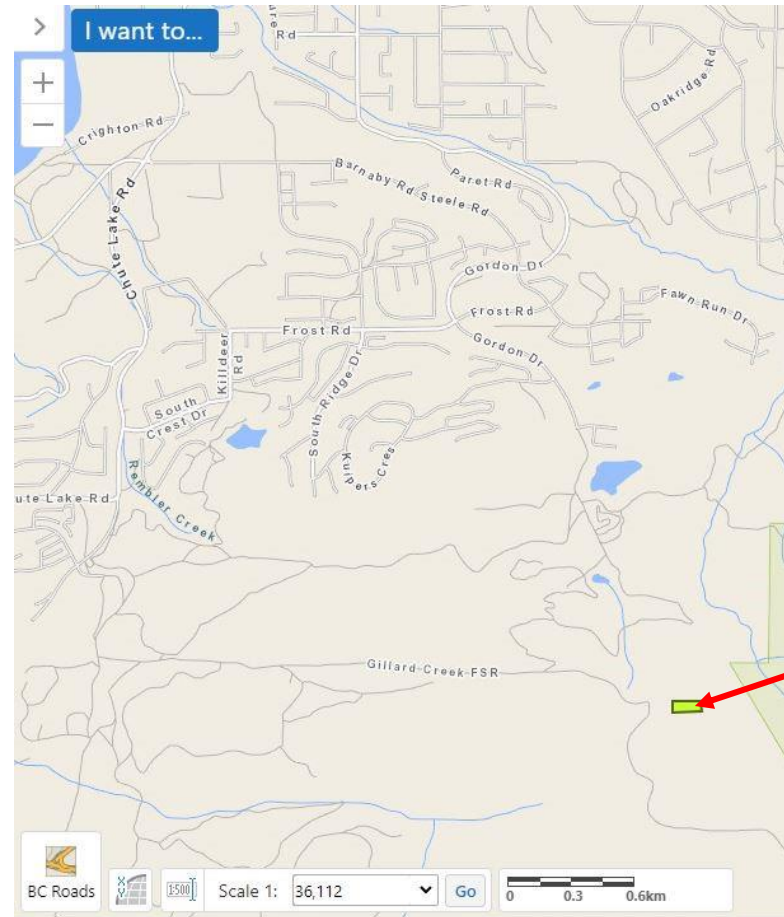
Bellevue Creek

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Proposal

- To increase the current parking lot to a size that can accommodate 40 vehicle stalls
- To widen the access road to the parking lot
- Expansion will be approximately 50 by 135 metres
- Environmental Assessment provided to province
- Original parking lot constructed in 2018
- Safety concerns from increased trail popularity

General Location Map



Subject Area

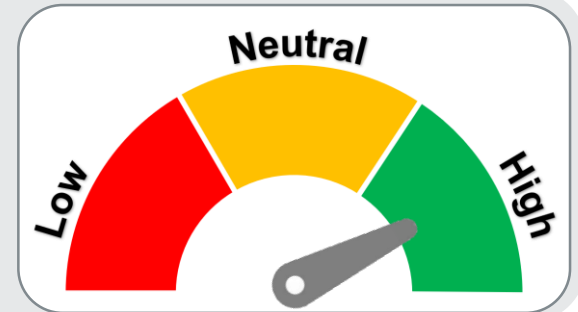
Specific Location Map



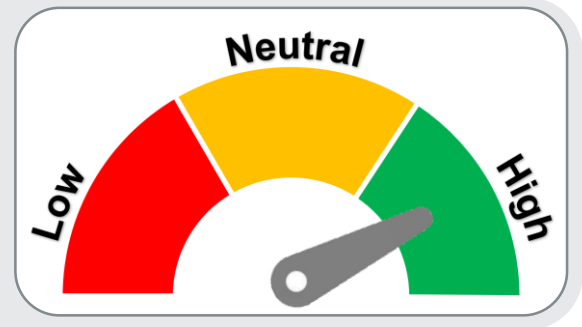
Policy alignment

- Policies of the Regional Growth Strategy support the proposal including:
 - Our Land
 - Our Health
 - Our Governance
- Policies of the South Slopes OCP support the proposal

Regional
Growth
Strategy



Official
Community
Plan



Referral Agencies

- No comments or concerns were expressed by RDCO departments
- City of Kelowna: Ensure no debris or drainage impacts towards Rembler Creek or Bellevue Creek

Summary

- Expansion of a recreational parking lot for mountain biking on Crown Land
- Policies of the RGS and South Slopes OCP support the proposal
- No comments or concerns from internal departments
- City of Kelowna comments to be included in referral response
- Province is the approval authority

Recommendation

THAT the Regional Board support the Mountain Bikers of the Central Okanagan FrontCounter BC referral application No. 780043 to permit the expansion of The Gillard Recreation Trail Network parking lot.