

Active Trails Whitehorse Association

Re: Availability of trail maps on the City's website

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On the City's Trails page under *City Trails* should be found the following:

- a) A list of all areas of the city for which trail plans have been finalized, are in progress, or have yet to be looked at. (We believe that all areas of the city have now been looked at, although some trail plans have yet to be reviewed by the public and/or approved by council.)
- b) Posted beside each area should be found (if available) the applicable approved trail plan map or draft trail plan map.
- c) An improved MMU (ATV/Snowmobile) trail map.
- d) Millennium Trail Map
- e) Commuter Cycling Map
- f) Trans Canada Trail Map

The following presents the current situation with regard to the finding of maps on the city's website.

Steps taken trying to find the following maps on the city's website: East of the Yukon River Trail Map, Crestview Trail Map, Above the Airport Trail Map, an up-to-date Trans Canada Trail Map.

Go to City website
Click on Departments
Go to Parks & Community Development
See list under *Trails*
Click on Trail Maps

Here you will find the following map references: Millennium Trail Map, a Commuter Cycling map, 2015 MMU map (which includes EYR MMU trails), but with no scale, or legend, and which subsequently lacks precision for trail users, and the much dated (2008) *A Guide to the Popular Trails of Whitehorse* due to be updated in 2018.

The EYR Trail Map approved by Council on January 27, 2014, the Crestview Trail Plan map, and the ATA (above the airport trail plan map) are not found here.

The only way you can find any trail map for Crestview is to use the City website search function, type in *Crestview Trail Plan* and then (if by luck) you happen to click on *administrative report*, you will find the Crestview **Draft** Trail Plan Map that came before Council for approval on 5/16/2016. Even if one happens to find this map, as it is entitled **Draft**, a person may be left with the impression that it has yet to be approved.

You can find an *East of the Yukon River Trail Map* on the *Chadburn Lake Park Information* section (under Trails) on the City's website. Unfortunately, the map that is available here is entitled, *East Yukon River **Proposed** Motorized Multi-Use (MMU) Trails November 26, 2013*. It seems strange to have to go to a site entitled, *Chadburn Lake Park Information*, in order to find an EYR Trail Map.

Even if one manages to find this map, as it is entitled **Proposed**, a person may be left with the impression that it has yet to be approved. (Council approved the map and the trail plan on January 27, 2014.)

The ATA (above the airport trail plan) could not be found anywhere on the City's website.

A separate **up-to-date map** of Trans Canada Trail routes found within the City of Whitehorse is also not available.

The suggestion is that **all approved, and all draft city trail maps** be placed in the **City Trails** section. We would also suggest the addition of a map indicating all **current Trans Canada Trail** routes within the City of Whitehorse. The KSA would probably have such a map that it might allow the City to use on its website.

The public should have access to an easily accessible site that contains all City **approved trail maps** as well as **draft trail maps** for areas where trail plans have gone out for public review, but have not as yet been approved by council,

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