

Hi Chelsea,

Sorry for the late response. I did want to write to convey our appreciation to The Whistler Backcomb Foundation EnviroFund Committee and your supporters for your grant back in 2017. It started us on a journey to improve the accessibility and sustainability of the Nature Trail which is located about 400m north of the Squamish Adventure Centre, a gathering hub for locals and visitors alike.

As outlined in our grant application and subsequent reports, and in your records, the Squamish Trails Society received \$1250 from the WBF Enviro Fund with a commitment to use our own matching funds to hire the contractor who created the trail roughly 15 years earlier to raise the trail bed, provide drainage and smooth the trail over existing exposed roots. With the help of volunteer rakers, Keith Halvorson used his mini excavator, Landluggers Excavations, and native soil to raise and smooth the trail. The soft and in some areas clay-like soil left the trail surface wet and slippery, so we realized that the job was not done. We paid \$2800 to Landluggers for their machine time and thanked them for creating a base on which we could build.

We then sought permission from the District of Squamish and local environmental groups to surface the trail with inorganic trail crush so the trail would not become wet, soft and slippery in wet weather. Our Treasurer applied for and received a federal grant to improve quality of life for seniors which we sought to do by involving seniors and retirees with improving the accessibility of local trails throughout Squamish. With permission and funds in place, we proceeded to order, spread and compact 12 dump truck loads of 3/4 minus trail base over a few consecutive weekends. Volunteers operated the front end loader, mechanical wheelbarrows, manual wheel barrows and mud buggies while seniors raked the transported trail crush to a crown which should shed water. With the trail suitably prepped and groomed, the inorganic aggregate was compacted to help facilitate the passage of wheeled vehicles such as wheelchairs, bikes and strollers. The end result was that we exceeded even our own expectations for the trail and the Whistler Backcomb Foundation EnviroFund is part of that success. I wish I had the technological know-how to provide a virtual tour of the entire trail. The project was a resounding success. I've provided a few photos attached to this correspondence, but encourage our neighbours to the north to come visit and see the trail for yourselves. Local feedback has been universally positive. We recognized the contribution of the Whistler Backcomb Foundation Envirofund with signage during the project and a sign at the trail head recognizing your contribution to the recent trail work.

When all the bills were tallied from the machine operator, machine rentals, and trail crush from Coast Aggregate, the final bill was \$8600. The hundreds of hours of volunteer time further leveraged your \$1250 initial investment in our project. It was your grant that got us started for which we remain eternally grateful. Our trails connect us to nature and promote health in our own community. Thanks for your support!

Together on Trails,

Matt Parker  
President  
Squamish Trails Society

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**From:** "Chelsea Mcrostitie" <Cmcrostitie@vailresorts.com>  
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Greetings Community Partner,

We hope this e-mail finds you well!

We are reaching out on behalf of the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation EnviroFund Committee, as we are working to consolidate some information around projects and initiatives that we've funded over the past number of years. We would like to take the most up to date information on past projects back to our faithful donors by way of thanks to them and also use this information to bring the impact of the fund to life in order to draw in new contributions!

Our records show that in 2017 you were the recipient of funding in the amount of \$1,250 for your project: Loggers Creek Nature Trail. At the time of funding, we would have sent a request for the below follow up information and we ask you to consider this again now for your update:

- Project status update on successes, feedback, learning, or any changes to the project from the original proposal
- Financial summary of final approved expenses for the project
- Photographs of the completed project (high resolution and sent electronically, if possible). We ask your permission to use these in future communication to WB staff regarding the WBF EnviroFund.
- Media coverage/Recognition – links, copies and/or other references. Please, note any recognition of the WBF EnviroFund surrounding the project.

Thank you for sending back the follow up report that you did upon the completion of the project. If you have anything to add to that -- like new information on how the project has reached its goals or new photos of the project in place -- we would love to hear back from you again!

We would very much appreciate a reply no later than Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 so we can use this through our fall recruiting period. Please let us know if you have any further questions and we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you kindly,

**WB Foundation EnviroFund Committee**

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