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Coalmont Community Wants KVR To Remain Mixed Use

Coalmont (April 17, 2012) - The Tulameen to Princeton corridor of the KVR was discussed at the Tuesday meeting of the Coalmont Community Association, and the public vote made it overwhelmingly clear that this community would like this section to remain mixed use.

During the discussion it was obvious that many see problems with the present motorized use, but felt that addressing them was the best way forward. Those with business interests were particularly eager to deal with the issues rather than, as they see it, delving a blow to tourism in this area which is primarily centered on off road quadding. Furthermore, it was thought that since the motorized use of the trail is also non-recreational, there are cultural and environmental reasons for continuing the current policy of mixed use.

The Trans Canada Trail is a grand vision, and one that everyone likes. However, at this time it seems that it cannot be completely implemented without being at the expense of some of the communities which it goes through. Coalmont is one of those places where the residents stand to lose something if motorized use is banned.

The Coalmont Community Association is a not-for-profit organization working to ensure the interests and well-being of all Coalmontians. Membership is free, and open to all residents of Coalmont and area.

Ole Juul, Chairman CCA

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