



In 2004, the RDN assumed responsibility for all the trails on Island Timberlands property between Nanaimo and Haslam Creek under non-exclusive licence. That licence was renewed in 2009, 2014, 2016, and in 2018 with the addition of a parking lot and new access trail at Timberlands Road.

### **The Arrowsmith CPR Trail**

In 2000, the RDN obtained a five-year non-exclusive licence from Island Timberlands (then Weyerhaeuser) for approximately 3.8 km of trail that forms part of the upper loop of the historic Arrowsmith CPR Regional Trail (ACPRRT), located in Electoral Area C. A separate private land licence was established with TimberWest for the bottom section of the Regional Trail, located in Electoral Area F. In its entirety, the 10 km trail runs up from Cameron Lake through the private forest lands to the old ski hill site in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District's Mount Arrowsmith Regional Park.

The Island Timberlands licence was renewed in 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2017. The TimberWest licence included three automatic five-year renewals, securing the trail until December 2026.

The original Island Timberlands and TimberWest licences are now under the management of Mosaic Forests. The attached licence offer for a five-year term (2020-2025) reflects ongoing support for The Great Trail and the Arrowsmith CPR Trail by the Timberlands manager.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. That the Regional District of Nanaimo enter into a licence agreement with Mosaic Forest Management Company for The Great Trail and the Arrowsmith CPR Regional Trail from August 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025.
2. That alternate direction be provided.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The previous licence fees for The Great Trail and the Arrowsmith CPR trail under tenure from Island Timberlands totaled \$800 plus GST for the two-year term renewals. The TimberWest licence recognized a one-time administration fee of \$500.

The cost of the new consolidated agreement with Mosaic Forests is a \$500 administration fee. This expense is covered in the approved 2020 Regional Parks operating budget. Annual operation and maintenance costs for the ACPRRT and TGT is approximately \$7,500 per year, which is also covered in the 2020 Regional Parks operating budget.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

People and Partnerships - Seek opportunities to partner with the provincial and federal governments, other government agencies, and community stakeholder groups in order to advance strategic plan goals and objectives.

The operation of a regional trail network in the RDN depends upon access to private forest lands and agreements with other levels of government. The 20-year history of recreational trail opportunities through land agreements with the private forestry companies on Vancouver Island highlights the value of establishing these partnerships. The RDN is grateful to the Mosaic Forest Management Company for continuing to support this access.



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Attachments:

1. Context Maps
2. Mosaic 2020-2025 Licence Offer for TGT and the ACPRRT