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Subject: Re: Request for SD advocacy for upcoming active transportation opportunities

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Hello Chair Dunford and Secretary Treasurer Reid,

I hope this note finds you well.

I got the chance to watch the video of last week's Board of Education meeting. I wanted to say thank you to the trustees for supporting the scheduling of a future discussion regarding active transportation and trail connections to Saanich schools - that's wonderful!

I think the idea of a broader discussion regarding SD advocacy for active transportation and proactively voicing the district's understanding/vision of key priorities and challenges with our key municipal, government and civil society partners makes a lot of sense, if simply because the timelines for individual proposals/developments can be tight. Early identification of opportunities and desires that can be reiterated during windows of opportunity would be helpful for short turn-around opportunities.

There are a few such windows of opportunity for the development of strategic trail connections to Saanich Schools coming up in the near future:

- The Cooperridge gulley development opportunity you're aware of. If I might suggest, proactively sharing feedback at/in advance of any discussion at Council

is helpful (I think one of the suggestions put forward at last week's meeting was to wait until the proposal is tabled/finalized and, in my experience, this will have missed the window of opportunity to inform the Council's decision). COPACS and Keating PAC have drafted letters of support and so the voice of parents in the school system will be represented. The Board of Education's voice carries significant additional weight.

- A second opportunity is a motion to develop a trail through Carriage Lane from West Saanich Rd to Newton Place, connecting Bayside Middle school to the future active transportation network envisioned for Central Saanich across Maber flats. A motion is being tabled by Councillor Riddell in the near future to investigate such a trail connection possibility. Myself and Councillor Riddell had the chance to meet/discuss with the Bayside PAC and Ms. Dennett from Bayside as well as some of our District leadership (Ms. Takhar and Mr. Lumb) about a trail connector to Bayside in December. The proposed pathway initially discussed had some disadvantages given its route through private property, but this new proposal through Carriage Lane is mostly through an existing municipal Right of Way and avoids these challenges. Councillor Riddell had asked for support for this motion but Ms. Bennett suggested that it would be more appropriate to put this request for support to the Board, which I am doing so now by way of this letter. COPACS passed a motion to send a letter of support for this trail connection at their January meeting.
- These two proposals may seem a disconnected, but as someone who has been actively involved in planning and advocacy efforts within Central Saanich for active transportation I can share that a shortcoming of our municipality's active transportation strategy, in my opinion, is its lack of connection to our local schools (Keating and Bayside specifically). The Central Saanich [Active Transportation Plan](#) mentions the importance of safe and active routes to school in multiple places (see pages 23, 24, 26, 32, 34, 47, 56, 136, 150), but the proposed Long-term Walking & Rolling network does not link to Bayside or Keating (see map on p 42 of the plan). The two proposals that have forwarded to the Board of Education for their support (Cooperidge Gulley and Carriage Lane) are strategic because of the connections for schools to the broader longer-term walking & rolling network.
- Tying these opportunities together is the District of Central Saanich's draft Parks and Trail Master plan. The [draft plan](#) identifies the opportunities to connect trail systems to schools (p21, 47, 73, 82, see map on page 83 of current/proposed future trail systems) and is being finalized in the coming weeks.

I am hopeful that the proposed Board discussion may be timely for these strategic

opportunities and I wanted to ask if these discussions might be informed by further connection/discussion with Central Saanich staff/leadership? They have the expertise, history and context that might be helpful for the board's consideration.

I look forward to hearing about the outcomes of any discussions and am happy to support in any way if I can be of service,

Megan

On Sun, Nov 2, 2025 at 9:15 AM Megan Misovic <meganmisovic@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Tim,

I hope this note finds you keeping well!

You may be aware of a couple exciting opportunities for trails in our community.

1) A new [development application](#) has been submitted to the district of Central Saanich on Central Saanich Road. This application is a wonderful opportunity for our school and community as it represents significant progress towards the dream of developing a trail that would connect Keating, Bayside and Stelly students to the eventual trail system across the peninsula as well as access to [park lands](#) within the gulley. This dream has long been held and pushed for by many people in our community, including many past Keating teachers and Principals!

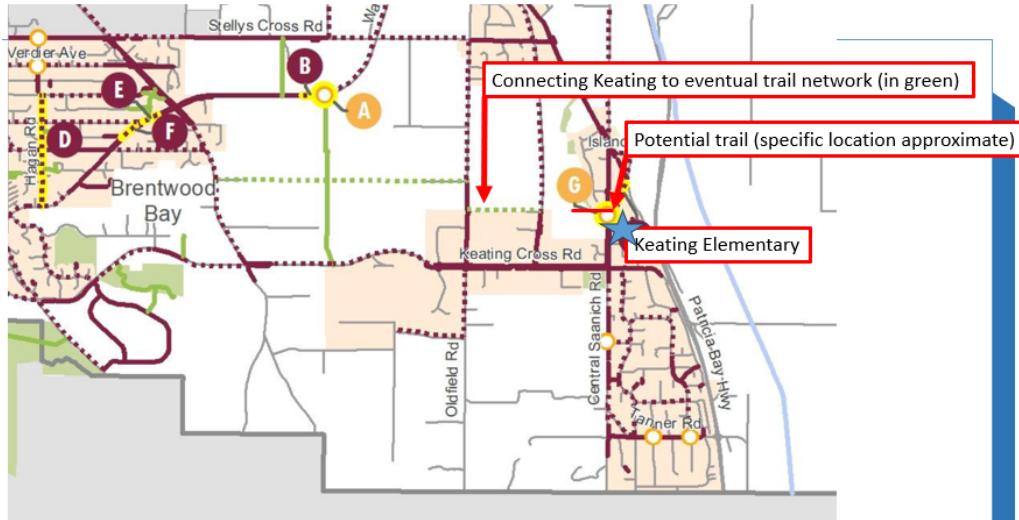
2) A [notice of motion](#) for a corridor between Cunnanes Lane and Oldfield road was put forward by Councillor Zeb King at last week's council meeting. This motion proposes an additional segment of the 'east'/'west' trail connection across the peninsula that gets our community closer to a separate multi-use trail.

I am writing today to ask if the district and Board would consider expressing support for these developments. A strong showing of public support will help underscore what this access means for our kids, teachers and families.

Kind regards,

Megan

Figure: Location of Keating Elementary, future Central Saanich trail network and location of development (trail location approximate)



Source: [Central Saanich Active Transportation Plan](#) (page 42)





Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor King - October 14, 2025

Notice of motion regarding a corridor between Cunnanes Lane and Oldfield Road.

For introduction.

WHEREAS the District's Active Transportation objectives include creating safe and direct connections to schools and village centres; and

WHEREAS completing the trail link between Cunnanes Lane and Oldfield Road requires securing a short corridor across the rear of 2046 Keating Cross Road;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to negotiate the remaining portions to secure this corridor between Cunnanes Lane and Oldfield Rd in order to begin a east-west connection as soon as possible.