



Strategic Plan: 2021-2026

Prince George Backcountry Recreation Society

Dear Members,

The purposes of the Prince George Backcountry Recreation Society (PGBRS), as set out in our constitution, are to: (1) provide a mechanism to represent organized non-motorized outdoor groups, public agencies and individuals, with an interest in non-mechanized use of the backcountry, backcountry trails, and backcountry facilities; (2) develop, manage and maintain backcountry huts and associated trails in the Prince George area; (3) encourage safe and wise use of the backcountry, backcountry huts and associated trails; and (4) acquire funds and expertise to ensure all objectives of the Society are met.

With increasing interest in backcountry recreation, First Nation reconciliation, and conservation we hope to accomplish many projects in the next 5 years in order to fulfil the purposes of the PGBRS and go beyond by being proactive in backcountry education, conservation, and stewardship. This document is a roadmap of the projects and tasks, many of which depend significantly on receiving funding and authorization. This plan highlights three themes of PGBRS activities:

- Infrastructure and Access
- Community Engagement
- Society Administration

The PGBRS is very much looking forward to working on these projects together!

Cheers and be safe!

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1. INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS

1.1 ACCESS

1.1.1 Snow plowing

Advocate for snow plowing of trailhead parking lots.

- Compile winter trailheads: Ice climbing, hiking/snowshoeing, backcountry skiing
- Contact to ARGO and YRB (cc MOTI) and say thanks

1.1.2 FSR maintenance

Advocate for maintenance of forest service roads that lead to popular backcountry areas.

- Write a letter to FLNRO about Hungary Creek, Ptarmigan, Dore, etc.
- Write a letter to FLNRO to discuss other areas

1.1.3 Access management

Advocate broadly for non-motorized recreation access.

1.2 CABINS

1.2.1 Cabin bookings

Maintain online booking system for cabins.

- Continually improve service. Ensure it is online, seamless, secure, and user-friendly.

1.2.2 Cabin maintenance

Ensure all cabins are stocked and maintained.

- Cabin essentials (firewood, propane, etc.) and extras (books, games, guitars, etc.)

1.2.3 Cabin renovations

Apply for funding and authorization to renovate backcountry cabins.

- Red Mountain foundation replacement
- Ozalenka Cabin fundraising
- Longworth Lookout renovation/rebuild
- Tacheeda Lookout renovation/rebuild
- Others

1.2.4 Cabin proposals

Apply for funding and authorization to build new backcountry cabins.

- Plan a new cabin proposal
- Consider mobile yurt or camper

1.3 TRAILS AND AREAS

1.3.1 Water crossings

Apply for funding and authorization to build or renovate water crossings.

- Fang trail crossing
- Red Mountain trail bridge
- Ptarmigan Creek cable car
- Buchanan Creek cable car
- Goat River cable car (led by the Fraser Headwater Alliance)

1.3.2 Trailhead signage

Update trailhead signage with cabin booking information.

1.3.3 Trail and area designation

Submit undesignated trails for designation.

- Compile a list of trails and areas for designation
- Consider tenures for backcountry ski areas

1.3.4 Trail maintenance

Collaborate on trail maintenance.

- Most hiking trails well maintained by Ramblers
- Climbing area trails may need some improvement (e.g. e.g. Dance Park)
- Backcountry ski areas (e.g. Rolston shrubs)
- Red Mnt Trail (boardwalk over muddy areas?)
- Mountain bike trails (Upgrade Vineyards for backcountry mountain biking?)

1.3.5 Local backcountry ski area

Apply for funds and authorization to build a local beginner backcountry ski area.

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2.1 COMMUNITY

2.1.1 Logo

Design new logo.

2.1.2 Merchandise

Make some merchandise for fundraising.

- Make hats, buffs, stickers and shirts for fundraising

2.1.3 Inclusivity

Support marginalized and underrepresented communities access the backcountry.

2.1.4 Surveys

Organize online surveys once a year for public input.

2.2 CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION

2.2.1 Workshops

Collaborate on education events, advertise opportunities hosted by other organizations.

- Avalanche education
- Leave no trace education
- Cabin etiquette

2.2.2 Conservation

Support conservation initiatives.

2.3 EVENTS

2.3.1 Backcountry gear swap

Organize a backcountry gear swap event.

2.3.2 Events

Organize social and educational events.

2.4 HISTORY

2.4.1 Articles

Archive PGBRS history with articles.

2.4.2 Logbook archiving

Archive cabin logbooks (scan and submit to Northern Archives).

2.5 RESOURCES

2.5.1 Social media

Maintain social media presence.

2.5.2 Maps

Make topo maps for popular areas.

2.5.3 Website

Maintain and improve website.

2.5.4 Trip reports

Host trip reports on website.

2.5.5 Mini-grants

Organize mini-grants for community events, initiatives, fundraisers, backcountry development.

3. SOCIETY ADMINISTRATION

3.1 FUNDING

3.1.1 Grants

Apply for grants.

3.1.2 Sponsors

Apply for sponsors.

3.1.3 Accounting

Ensure finances are in good order.

3.2 INSURANCE AND AFFILIATIONS

3.2.1 Insurance

Ensure insurance and cabin liability is in good order.

3.2.2 Affiliation

Consider affiliation to other organizations.

3.3 MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS

3.3.1 First Nations

Engage with FN on all grants and proposals. Engage with FN broadly on backcountry recreation.

- Reach out to FNs, keep FNs informed, be proactive, early engagement in projects
- Seek to improve indigenous outcomes

3.3.2 Members at large

Consider members at large.

- Consider having individual memberships (20\$ winter, 20\$ summer)
- \$ goes to trail maintenance, insurance, etc.

3.3.3 Positions

Consider new positions.

- Events coordinator
- Trail director
- Ski director
- Cabin director
- Grant director

3.3.4 New clubs

Consider new clubs.

3.3.5 Requirements

Consider membership requirements.

- Consider membership dues (in such a way that would not penalize the clubs with no money)
- Consider member club annual reports

3.4 REPORTING

3.4.1 Meetings

Conduct meetings and AGMs.

- General meeting every 2 months
- Public AGM in the fall
- AGM minutes are public

3.4.2 RSTBC

Complete RSTBC annual report.

- Complete RSTBC requirements

3.4.3 Societies Act / BC Registries

Complete Society Act / BC Registries annual report.

- Complete society act / BC registries requirements

3.4.4 BC Parks

Complete BC Parks annual report.

- Complete BC Parks requirements