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**Subject:** Concern for the TCT between Coalshute Rd and Central Ave post property purchase continuation

Dear Mayor and Council:

We are writing in support of the continuation of public access to the Trans Canada Trail which historically has followed the Rail Trail between Central Avenue and Coalshute Road. It is our understanding that the property through which the trail runs has recently been purchased by South Field Real Estate Ltd., and Westfield Mortgage Corporation. Through discussion of the purchase with one of the purchasing partners, [REDACTED] it was revealed that there is only an easement allowing the TCT to pass through this property but no legal "right of way" has been registered.

We believe the original intention by the City was to register a right of way and would support such a move to ensure the trail's contiguous use for future generations. In addition to encouraging healthy physical activity beneficial to all residents and visitors, a comprehensive system of trails such as ours generates community pride and economic benefits.

As Grand Forks is embarking on branding itself as the Cycling Capital of B.C., it is key to ensure this short but important section of the trail remains accessible. We call on you to take whatever steps necessary to register this easement as a legal Right of Way and support the new property owners in seeking a formal recognition of the trail as they finalize their plans for the property.

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Grand Forks Community Trails Society

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