

**Whatcom County
Council Public Works & Health Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, November 9, 2021
9:35 AM
Virtual Meeting**

**VIRTUAL MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10:05 A.M. (TO PARTICIPATE, SEE
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Todd Donovan
Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Carol Frazey called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 2 - Carol Frazey, and Todd Donovan

Absent: 1 - Rud Browne

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, and Ben Elenbaas

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2021-553](#) Presentation from the Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition on trail maintenance and the possibility of allowing for limited trail construction during seasonal closures

Eric Brown, Executive Director Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition (WMBC), presented and discussed with Councilmembers whether the exemption he is looking for is only specific to the trail construction and repair projects, the fact that existing code does not allow staff to consider trail construction in the forest differently than a lake shore subdivision or a road, what code changes he would like to see, how this would affect the ability to deal with total maximum daily load (TMDL) issues and whether this should go to the Lake Whatcom Policy Group to look at the effect of phosphorus runoff, whether Lookout and Stewart Mountain would be logged, how they can make sure phosphorus is not increased from these projects, and whether a new site could be built outside the watershed so there would not be mitigation issues.

Councilmembers and Council Office staff discussed whether this item could be brought back to the Public Works and Health Committee at a future meeting for further conversation.

This agenda item was PRESENTED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Carol Frazey-via email 11/12/2021

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Carol Frazey, Committee Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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