

Denman Cross Island Trail - Big Hill - History Document

2013 -Initial section of Denman Cross Island Trail built from Arts Center to bottom of Big Hill.

In 2013 CVRD initially reached out to MOTI to discuss the two proposed hill sections as part of the Denman CIT: Big Hill and ferry hill

CVRD had engaged an engineering firm for very conceptual design options for building the trail along Big Hill section. Design options included using wire gabion baskets to build out trail next to road edge.

MOTI did not support the construction of the trail within the road allowance at that time. There was not enough space on existing road as well as the cost would be very expensive

CVRD moved on to planning next section of trail between top of hill and Swan Road. Planned to continue discussing the big hill section with MoTI.

2015-2016 then Parks Manager Doug Demarzo met with Brendan Kelly of MOTI to discuss the big hill as part of the overall trail plan. MoTI was focused on the Beulah Creek project on Hornby at that time and big hill was not a priority. CVRD moved into design and construction phase of Swan to Corrigal section in 2017-2018.

2020 - Doug Demarzo and Daniel May both had discussions with MoTi regarding the Big Hill. MoTi had done some testing/coring on the hill but still had no short term plans for road upgrade. This project would be very expensive as it would require blasting to widen the road.

MOTI had mainroad brush back the cedars at the bottom of the big hill for better visibility at the request of the CVRD and Denman Community.

CVRD moved to planning and construction of Kirk Road stairs and trail to connect to the Denman West Ferry terminal in 2020.

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In 2024 Daniel May again raised the Big Hill section with MOTI staff member Kellen Truant and gap in the Denman CIT trail with MOTI. MOTI suggested that they would look into it.

In 2024 Mark Harrison again raised the Big Hill section with MOTI staff member Kellen Truant at a CVRD/MOTI meeting.

This meeting and subsequent meeting in 2024 seemed to get some traction with MOTI and Kellen Truant suggested that MOTI would direct attention to the hill and do some more testing and cost analysis.