



Okanagan Trail Riders Association
771 Torrs Road
Kelowna, BC
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Attn Ken Umbarger

Dear Mr Umbarger,

La Casa Management Corp. and Azura Management (Kelowna) Corp have been involved in the development of the La Casa Cottage Resort at 6808 Westside Road since 2004. We have 500 cottage lots with 270 homes completed as well as extensive commercial infrastructure including store, restaurant, marina and theatre. In 3 years there will be over 400 homes.

The owners at La Casa come from all over British Columbia and Alberta. They are mostly active families very much involved in outdoor recreation as evidenced by the number of quads, trail bikes and snow mobiles in the garages. The western boundary of La Casa Resort abuts the trail system on the Crown lands. Our owners use the trails extensively. We have created two access points to these trails at La Casa.

Like most families today, our owners are very conscious of their impact on the environment. They made their significant investment in the Okanagan because of the pristine beauty of the area. They do not want to lose it. They also want the recreation provided by the trails to be there permanently and maintained in an environmentally responsible manner.

Our management team has spent considerable time working with Dick and Joani Dufourd of RecConnect to work out the logistics of creating a proper trail connection to La Casa Resort since so many riders will be coming from here. The residents and staff here are also willing to volunteer assistance in maintaining the trails.

We want you to know that our owners fully support the initiative that you and the Okanagan Trail Riders Association have taken to finally bring some responsible order to the Crown trail system. People have been using it for 30 years with no management plan. Your work will result in a sustainable situation and we commend you and the Okanagan Trail Riders for your efforts.

Yours truly,

Ewen Stewart