



Edmonton Mountain Bike Alliance — 5-Minute Remarks

Public Hearing — Monday, August 18, 2025 (Ribbon of Green)

Thank you for approving the Edmonton Bike Park EIA & SLS on July 2, 2025 (11–2).

We're asking for targeted direction so the approval is implemented as intended—and routine maintenance stops getting stuck in capital-project red tape.



Problem 1 — Maintenance ≠ Capital Project

- Coyote & Bottle Rocket: Parks supports on-foot volunteer work.
- Same sign-off stacks pre/post inspections, Parkland Access Permit, Public Tree Permit, Natural Areas approvals—
- ...for hand tools and light surface work → slows remediation after wet weather.



Problem 2 — Scope Shifts & Internal Contradictions

- Post-approval: reduce flow-trail density back to older concept.
- Blanket 100 m river/floodway setback blocks EPCOR service-road return.
- Inside Ops: one unit “no concerns”; another “does not support” added flow trails.



Problem 3 — Inconsistent Treatment vs Events

- North Sun Ultramarathon permitted on trails where EMBA can't maintain.
- Race proceeded on saturated tread → damage.
- EMBA told not to remediate those same trails. Backwards.



What EMBA Asks Council to Direct Today

- ¹ **1) Implement what you approved:** Follow EIA/SLS + addenda; no blanket **100 m setback** without adopted policy & site evidence; allow **EPCOR** return unless risk is demonstrated.
- ² **2) Single-window, proportionate maintenance:** On-foot, hand-tool work on existing singletrack → one coordinator + simple checklist; no duplicate inspections/permits for low-risk tasks.
- ³ **3) Consistency & parity:** If events are permitted on a trail, authorize EMBA to remediate damage; apply the same standard to all users.



Outcome

- Responsible stewardship with faster remediation and less erosion.
- Clear roles across City units; less time lost to duplication.
- Deliver the Bike Park experience Council endorsed—safely and quickly.

Thank you — happy to answer questions.