



SHUSWAP NORTH OKANAGAN Rail Trail

(SICAMOUS TO ARMSTRONG)

Information Update ~ Spring 2021

Background: The Shuswap-North Okanagan Rail Trail is a joint project of the Spltasin, Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) and the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSR D) with assistance from the Province of BC.

The Vision: to protect environmental, agricultural, and Secwépemc cultural values, and create tourism and transportation benefits for the region, through the development of the entire abandoned Sicamous to Armstrong rail corridor as a continuous non-motorized greenway for walking & cycling (in the immediate short term) – and to link with the Vernon-Kelowna rail-trail greenway and 200 km south to Osoyoos in order to realize the full tourism value of this unprecedented opportunity. (“Three Sections; One Vision”)

Developing the Trail: The Rail Trail Development Plan is complete and the Agricultural Land Commission has delivered their decision ruling allowing use of rail corridor as a public greenway trail. Both can be accessed from our website www.shuswapnorthokanaganrailtrail.ca

A Community Fundraising Committee has been formed, including leadership from throughout the region. As well, a wider Community Leadership Advisory is supporting this effort representing Organizations throughout the region (including: Secwepemc Lakes Tourism, Shuswap Tourism, Community Futures, Shuswap Trail Alliance, Armstrong Spallumcheen Trail Society, Community Foundations, Chambers of Commerce, Interior Health Authority, Businesses, and Governance Advisory representation.)

Spltasin, RDNO, CSR D, and City of Enderby have agreed to develop a test section of trail to proof construction methods and costing, and engage public interest to promote fundraising.

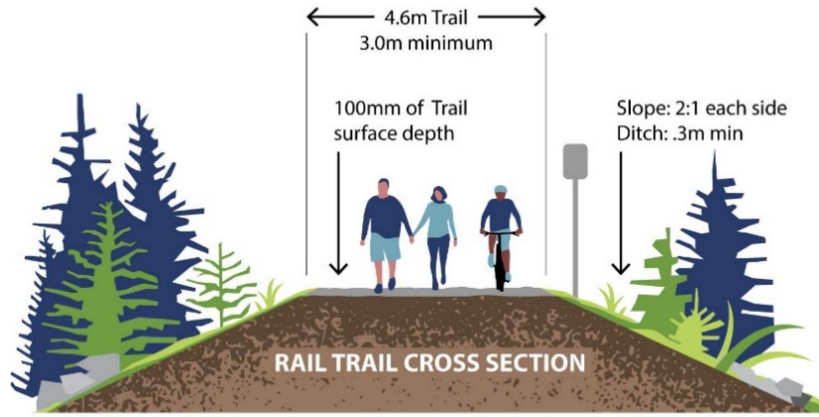
We are shelf-ready to tender detail design & construction if sufficient funds are raised through non-taxation grants, sponsorship, and fundraising. Several grant applications have been recently submitted and depending on the announcements we could be breaking ground in 2021.



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Reshape and compact existing subgrade to allow for drainage to be directed away from all bodies of water

The finished surface will consist of crushed and compacted aggregate, suitable for pedestrian and off-road bicycle use, as well as universal mobility access. No motorized vehicles or equestrian use.

Pedal assist e-bikes will be allowed, and dogs on leash are welcome.

For the public's safety, **the trail currently remains closed to all traffic**, both motorized and non-motorized. Trespassers may be subject to enforcement fines and other penalties.

Please contact Community Services at RDNO CommunityServices@rdno.ca or 250-550-3700.

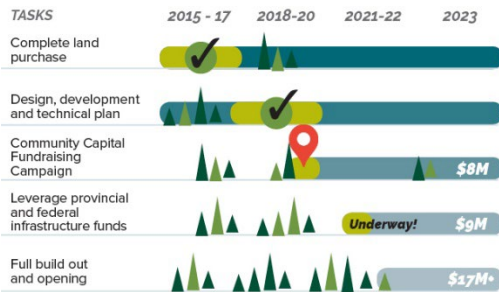
THE FOUR STAGES of construction

Protect the Corridor: Immediate erosion mitigation strategies needed to stop the loss of the existing rail bed to wave erosion and flooding.

Make it Safe: Basic priorities necessary to make the trail safe and functional for public access.

Build the Surface: Construction of the crushed and compacted aggregate trail surface, along with repairs to culverts where needed and accommodation of agricultural crossings.

Finish the Trail: Completion of rail trail through construction of the pedestrian/bicycle overpass, trailhead parking and amenities, interpretive signage and access to side destinations and final surfacing.



One metre of hard packed aggregate trail surface costs \$160, and with 50,000 metres to go, **your metres truly matter.**

Together we can raise the funds to surface the trail, and then leverage *those* funds for much anticipated senior government infrastructure and economic development funding streams. **We're all in this together**

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