

Possible spring start date for Kinsol project

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The Kinsol Trestle restoration could be complete by the Spring of 2011. Chair of the Save the Kinsol Campaign, Jack Peake, says his group is waiting for provincial approval of engineer drawings before proceeding.

"Their engineers have been going over the drawings just to ensure that what we're planning to do will meet their criteria. As soon as we have that in hand, we do have some cash in the bank to actually get going this fall, but I really don't think we'll get this project physically off the ground until this spring when the weather is appropriate. It's expected or hoped we could do the project within the next year and that would put us at a completion date of approximately the spring of 2011."

Peake says the remaining funds needed have been partly accounted for verbally. He says a major forest company has indicated it will provide timber for the project.

"That's a substantial value. I'm guessing now somewhere in the three quarters of a million value, but we don't have that in writing and therefore without the engineer's drawings back from Victoria we can't literally in detail quantify what that's worth."

Infrastructure commitments from the federal and provincial governments this summer gave the project a needed boost according to Peake. He says now the Cowichan Foundation has \$1.2 million left to fundraise.

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