

# Shawnigan Village

## RAIL TRAIL PROPOSAL

### General questions and answers about the proposed Rail Trail

#### Q. Why build a trail within the existing E&N Railway corridor?

A. The community has previously supported this trail idea to create a safe, accessible north-south walking/cycling pathway connecting residents to the lake, community centre, and Village business area.

#### Q. Why does the alignment of the trail vary along the proposed route?

A. Alignment of the proposed trail takes into consideration existing topography, hydrology, environmental conditions, railway crossings and operational safety issues (i.e. fencing), as well as other factors.

#### Q. What are potential impacts of the trail to Shawnigan Lake?

A. The trail would be constructed within the existing E&N Railway corridor. Qualified environmental consultants have assessed the proposed alignment and determined it would be unlikely that construction of the trail would have any long term impacts to the lake or riparian area. Appropriate environmental project management and mitigation measures would be applied during construction to avoid impacts to sensitive ecological habitat.

#### Q. What about other approved uses of the railway corridor (i.e. private crossings)?

A. The trail would be constructed to ensure approved uses of the railway corridor are accommodated as directed by the corridor owner (Island Corridor Foundation).

#### Q. If supported, what are the plans for trail construction?

A. Phase I construction of the trail would commence in 2018 to connect Elsie Miles Park/Shawnigan Lake Community Centre with Shawnigan Wharf Park.

#### Q. How would the project be funded?

A. Federal Gas Tax grant funding (\$225,000) is approved for the first phase of the trail. Annual maintenance would be funded through the Shawnigan Lake Community Parks budget that is taxed annually to properties within Shawnigan Lake. Future phases of the trail would be built as additional funding were approved through this Parks budget and/or through access to grants and donations.

#### Q. Why show the entire proposed trail alignment now, if funding is only available to complete the first phase?

A. The overall trail alignment proposed is shown to allow the community to understand how the trail would connect Mason's Beach Park, Elsie Miles Park, Shawnigan Wharf Park and Old Mill Park with the residential and business areas of Shawnigan Lake Village.

### Do you have any comments or questions?

#### Below are options for providing feedback on the Shawnigan Village Rail Trail Concept:

1. Write down your feedback on sticky notes provided and place them along the edges of the display boards.
2. Visit PlaceSpeak.com and provide feedback in the Shawnigan Village Rail Trail topic area.
3. Email your feedback to the CVRD Parks and Trails Division at parks@cvrld.bc.ca