



DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM

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Successful Completion of the College Way Extension and Multi-Use Pathway in Coldstream

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Coldstream, BC

Today, dignitaries representing the Government of Canada, Government of British Columbia and District of Coldstream officially opened the College Way extension and multi-use pathway, linking Kalamalka Road to Okanagan College and Highway 97.

"The Government of Canada is proud to celebrate the completion of another two successful projects supported by Canada's Economic Action Plan," said Colin Mayes, Member of Parliament for Okanagan—Shuswap, on behalf of the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification. "Both the new grid road and multi-use pathway will now offer Coldstream residents quicker and more convenient transportation options to access their community."

"This project is a great example of three levels of government working together," said MLA for Vernon—Monashee Eric Foster. "Students travelling to and from Okanagan College will get there faster and safer."

With completion of a direct link between College Way and Kalamalka Road, the majority of Coldstream residents will no longer use the narrow and winding Westkal--Kickwillie Loop route. The Governments of Canada and British Columbia each contributed \$2.3 million for the College Way extension through the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component. The District of Coldstream contributed \$2.7 million from roads development cost charges accumulated over the past 16 years.

A separated 4-metre-wide multi-use pathway flanks the south perimeter of the new road and continues up to Okanagan College. Funding of \$530,537 was provided through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program as part of Canada's Economic Action Plan. The District of Coldstream contributed \$1.3 million through roads development cost charges.

"Coldstream Council is very pleased to see this new road and pathway corridor fulfill a key component of the District's transportation network, increasing safe recreational opportunities as well as commuter options", stated Coldstream Mayor Jim Garlick. "This challenging project was successfully completed by an outstanding team comprised of District of Coldstream staff, engineering consultant Urban Systems Limited, CGL Contracting Limited and its subcontractors, as well as the cooperation of Kelowna Pacific Railway".

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The Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program invested \$500 million in recreational facilities across Canada over a two-year period. Visit the [Recreational Infrastructure Canada \(RInC\) program in the West](#), or [Canada's Economic Action Plan](#) for more information.

The Canada-British Columbia Building Canada Fund – Communities Component is a federal-provincial program that addresses the unique infrastructure needs of both rural and urban communities with populations of less than 100,000. Program funding is contingent on the successful completion of a federal Environmental Assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

Through this unprecedented Building Canada infrastructure plan, the Federal Government is providing long-term, stable and predictable funding to help meet infrastructure needs across Canada. Building Canada supports a stronger, safer and better country.

Since October 2008, over \$5.6 billion has been committed by the province to over 900 infrastructure projects in British Columbia, which are estimated to create more than 36,000 jobs over the life of the projects.

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