



## DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM

### MEDIA RELEASE

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#### **Sod-Turning Ceremony for Coldstream's Grid Road and Multi-Use Pathway**

After 15 years of setting aside funds for a Grid Road, the District of Coldstream is finally able to proceed with construction of a connection from Kalamalka Road (at Husband Road) to College Way at the hairpin turn. MP Colin Mayes, MLA Eric Foster, and Mayor Jim Garlick will be on hand on June 12 for the sod-turning ceremony to mark this special occasion.

The District was advised in September 2009 that it had been awarded a federal/provincial grant for two-thirds funding towards the \$6.9 million Grid Road. This project would not have been possible without the support and funding provided by Western Economic Diversification Canada and the Province of BC under the Building Canada Communities Component Program.

"With support from the Government of Canada and its partners, Coldstream will be able to deliver new and improved road infrastructure for visitors and residents alike, while creating employment in the community," said Colin Mayes, Member of Parliament for Okanagan-Shuswap.

The roadway will also incorporate a separated 4-metre-wide multi-use pathway, one-third of which will be funded by a \$530,537 grant from Western Economic Diversification Canada under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program. This \$1.6 million pathway, forming a key component of the District's bicycle and pedestrian route network, will connect two developed areas within the District and increase recreational opportunities as well as commuter options.

"This is a great example of what can be accomplished when the levels of government work together," says Vernon-Monashee MLA Eric Foster. "Improvements will allow road users to travel safely and efficiently, as well as use the new pathway for walking and biking."

Mayor Garlick stated that "Completion of this road will alleviate the need for the majority of Coldstream residents to use the torturous Westkal-Kickwillie Loop route to access the College and Highway 97. The District's contribution of \$2.3 million for the Grid Road and \$1.06 million for the multi-use pathway is being funded from roads development cost charges accumulated over the past 15 years."

The road is being constructed in two phases. The tender for the first phase has been awarded to CGL Contracting Ltd., with construction scheduled to start on June 21, incorporating the works to the west of the railway tracks up to College Way. It is anticipated that the second phase will be tendered in late June, to include the railway underpass, the creek crossing and the upgrading of the intersection at Kalamalka Road. All works are expected to be completed by March 31, 2011.

Key to the construction of the road and pathway has been the cooperation of Kelowna Pacific Railway. The District reached agreement on the design requirements for the railway underpass with Kelowna Pacific earlier this year.

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ATTACHMENT: Overhead photograph of the Grid Road route and connections.

