



**City of North Vancouver and Squamish Nation
Sign Spirit Trail Mosquito Creek Marina Agreement**

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The City of North Vancouver and Squamish Nation are partnering together once again to facilitate further development of the award-winning North Shore Spirit Trail. Mayor Darrell Mussatto and Squamish Nation Chief Gibby Jacob have signed an official agreement to complete a critical link in the Spirit Trail. The new section of trail will establish a key connection between Bewicke Avenue and the existing Squamish Nation Waterfront Greenway.

“We are very pleased to partner with the Squamish Nation on the establishment of this important Spirit Trail connection that will offer a safe and scenic route between Mosquito Creek Marina and Bewicke Avenue,” says City of North Vancouver Mayor Darrell Mussatto. “This addition will provide enhanced opportunities for our community to enjoy the multi-use and fully accessible Spirit Trail greenway as it continues to develop.”

“The Squamish Nation is very pleased to contribute to this greenway which will promote healthier living for all residents of the North Shore,” stated Squamish Nation spokesperson Chris Lewis. “Today’s announcement demonstrates that the principles of recognition and respect create the right foundation for real partnerships that produce innovation and shared benefits.”

In September 2007, the City signed a Multi-Use Trail Partnering Agreement with the Squamish Nation to enable development of the very first section of the Spirit Trail, the Squamish Nation Waterfront Greenway, which extends from Mosquito Creek Marina to Waterfront Park. As a result of the strong relationship between the City and Squamish Nation, the agreement is being amended to move forward with this next section of the Spirit Trail between Bewicke and Mosquito Creek Marina. Construction is anticipated for 2015.

The North Shore Spirit Trail is a waterfront-oriented, multi-use and fully accessible greenway that will provide pedestrians, cyclists, and people with wheeled mobility aids access across the North Shore, from Horseshoe Bay to Deep Cove. The Spirit Trail is a collaboration between the City of North Vancouver, Squamish Nation, North Shore municipalities, the provincial government and other agencies.

The City’s portion of the North Shore Spirit Trail is approximately 6.5-kilometres long and represents an exciting new component of the City’s vision to build a more sustainable community and provide healthy, accessible, alternative transportation options for people of all ages and abilities.

For more information about the Spirit Trail, visit www.cnv.org/SpiritTrail

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