

News Release

Another City of North Vancouver and Squamish Nation Spirit Trail Connection Underway Bewicke Avenue and Squamish Nation Waterfront Greenway

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The City of North Vancouver and Squamish Nation are partnering together once again to deliver another section of the popular, award-winning **North Shore Spirit Trail**. The new section of trail will establish a key connection between Bewicke Avenue and the existing Squamish Nation Waterfront Greenway.

In 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 was amended last year to move forward this next section of the Spirit Trail on Squamish Nation reserve lands between Bewicke and Mosquito Creek Marina.

Also, the Spirit Trail Mosquito Creek Marina project recently received funding support through the provincial government's BC Bike program. The \$400,000 grant supports the City's mandate to improve the bicycle route network and provide facilities to encourage cycling.

The detailed design phase for this key Spirit Trail connection is now underway, with an anticipated trail opening date of Spring 2016. The Spirit Trail is a popular and well-used leisure path, commuter route and recreational trail for many City residents.

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.