

## **RDN Receives Funding for Active Transportation Plan in Electoral Area A**

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is pleased to announce that a contribution of \$50,000 for the development of the Cedar Village Active Transportation Network Plan has been approved under the Government of British Columbia's B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program. The plan will build upon the 2009 Active Transportation Plan for Electoral Area A (EA A) to create a comprehensive network with safer and more modern modes of active transportation and infrastructure in the Cedar Village area as well as connections to broader regional and provincial active transportation routes.

"The RDN is grateful for the funding in support of the Cedar Village Active Transportation Network Plan. The plan will identify how best to provide a safe and active route to schools in addition to connecting to Cedar Village and public transit," said Jessica Stanley, Electoral Area A Director. "As highlighted in our Official Community Plan, a well-developed trail system will support the ability for children to walk or ride to school safely, as well as provide a convenient alternative to driving for all community members, helping to reduce traffic congestion and improve road safety in Electoral Area A."

The plan will include:

- A thorough assessment of current roadside conditions, including traffic patterns and safety concerns, particularly around schools and community hubs.
- An evaluation of how existing narrow roads without sidewalks or adequate shoulders affect non-vehicular travel in the mostly rural electoral area.
- Strategies for better use of existing public lands, and to improve roadside conditions, enhance neighbourhood and transit connections, and upgrade signage to support safer travel.
- Ways to address conflict areas between active transportation users and motorists that prioritize safety and comfort for all users.

Throughout the planning process, interested and affected people and groups will be engaged. Public engagement activities, including a workshop and survey, will take place in early fall. A dedicated project page will also be available to the public when the project is launched.

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