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Completion of McGee Creek Bridge Replacement Project on the Cowichan Valley Trail

DUNCAN, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) is pleased to announce the successful completion of the McGee Creek Bridge Replacement Project on the Cowichan Valley Trail (CVT), a key segment of the Trans Canada Trail. Located in Electoral Area B – Shawnigan Lake, the new single-span bridge provides a climate-resilient, creek-friendly, and lower-maintenance crossing at McGee Creek, ensuring safe and sustainable connectivity for trail users.

The project involved the removal of the previous timber bridge and installation of a modern single-span steel bridge with concrete abutments, timber decking, and guardrails. Additional work included erosion control measures, environmental restoration of areas adjacent to the bridge, and resurfacing of the trail to repair sections impacted by construction access.

This important upgrade was made possible in part through a generous \$120,000 grant from the Trans Canada Trail Foundation (TCT). The CVRD extends its sincere thanks to TCT for their support of repairs and improvements to the Cowichan Valley Trail, which forms part of the national Trans Canada Trail network.

"Trails are essential community infrastructure; they connect us to each other, to nature and to the places we call home. The Cowichan Valley Trail is a perfect example, it allows locals and visitors alike to explore and connect with one of Canada's most incredible natural environments," said Mathieu Roy, Chief Executive Officer, Trans Canada Trail. "With this new, safer and more resilient bridge in place, even more people will be able to experience this wonderful section of the Trans Canada Trail today and for generations to come. I am thrilled Trans Canada Trail could play a role in this project's completion, and my sincere thanks go out to our local partners from the CVRD."

"The CVRD Board is incredibly grateful for this generous grant from TCT, which has allowed us to complete much needed improvements to one of our region's most valued trails," said Kate Segall, CVRD Board Chair. "These upgrades enhance safety, access, and the overall experience for everyone who enjoys the Cowichan Valley Trail. Both residents and visitors will benefit from the McGee Creek bridge upgrade for years to come, and we truly appreciate the support that helped make this project possible."

The Trans Canada Trail is the longest multi-use trail system in the world and it is always growing. It reaches every province and territory and connects all three of Canada's coastlines. Each section of the Trans Canada Trail is managed locally and supports different activities and community needs.

Trans Canada Trail is the organization that advocates for, stewards and champions Canada's nationwide trail system. It is a registered charity that receives funding from the Government of Canada (through Parks Canada), various provincial and municipal governments, and generous donors.

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