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Wheelchair-Accessible Isobel Lake Trails Expanded

Project made possible thanks to Federal Gas Tax Fund

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Residents of Electoral Area “J” (Copper Desert Country), along with representatives from Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the Kamloops Trail Alliance, today celebrated the expansion of the wheelchair accessible trails at Isobel Lake.

The trail network, one of a limited number of wheelchair accessible trails within B.C., saw improvements that include trail building, installation of benches, picnic tables, roadside barriers, foot bridges and signage.

This project was made possible thanks to a contribution of \$24,000 through the Federal Gas Tax Fund.

Quick Facts

- The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) administers the Federal Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia in partnership with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.
- Since 2006, the Federal Gas Tax Fund has made approximately \$13.8 million available to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

“The federal Gas Tax Fund is a flexible program that lets communities decide where they most need to invest their infrastructure dollars. The expansion of the Isobel Lake Trails to make them more accessible to all visitors is a great example of how investments in local infrastructure are contributing to building healthy, prosperous and inclusive Canadian communities.”

The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

“We live in one of the most beautiful places in the world and everyone should get to experience our parks and trails. I am thrilled to know that people of all abilities in Isobel Lake now are now able to access and enjoy an improved trail network thanks to this partnership between the local, provincial and federal governments.”

Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

“The trails and fishing wharfs at Isobel Lake are a treasure for residents throughout the region. I am very pleased to see the expansion of the wheelchair accessible trails and the addition of these new amenities.

Director Wendy Booth, UBCM President

“The Federal Gas Tax Fund provides capital investments for a broad range of recreational and tourism infrastructure. The improvements made to the Isobel Lake Trail Network will help promote health, well-being as well as tourism and economic growth.”

John Ranta, Chair, Thompson-Nicola Regional District

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