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Bike Trail Network Expansion Complete

Project made possible thanks to Federal Gas Tax Fund

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Residents of Electoral Area “A” (Wells Gray Country), along with representatives from Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the Wells Gray Outdoors Club (WGOC), today celebrated the grand opening of the extension of the Candle Creek Mountain Bike Trails Network.

The new “Freebird” single-track trail is 2.3 kilometres long and completes network loops in the Ridge area of the Candle Creek Mountain Bike Trails.

Tourism is a major economic driver in Electoral Area “A” and bike trails are vital components in maintaining the community’s economy.

This project was made possible thanks to a contribution of \$24,000 through the Federal Gas Tax Fund. The remaining portion of this \$32,000-project was provided by the Wells Gray Outdoors Club. The “Freebird” trail is part of a larger project to complete 25 kilometres of trails over the next 5 years.

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 Wells Gray Outdoors Club operates and maintains the Candle Creek Mountain Bike Trails Network.

Quotes

“Funding public infrastructure is really about building strong communities where people want to live, work and play. Congratulations to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the Wells Gray Outdoors Club for their hard work and dedication that made the Freebird Bike Trail a reality. The Federal Gas Tax Fund allows communities in British Columbia and across Canada to promote tourism as well as active and healthy outdoor lifestyles.”

*The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi,
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities*

“This is an excellent example of co-operation between all levels of government to create public infrastructure. These bike trails will be an asset for the community and a draw for tourism for many years to come, maintaining the Regional District’s reputation for having world-class mountain biking trails.”

*John Ranta
Chair
Thompson-Nicola Regional District*

“The Federal Gas Tax Fund provides capital investments for a broad range of community infrastructure. The expansion of the Candle Creek trail system will be a great draw for local riders and support regional tourism.”

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President, Union of BC Municipalities

Associated Links

To learn more about the Federal Gas Tax Fund, visit www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-eng.html.

For additional information on the New Building Canada Plan, visit www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/plan-eng.html.

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