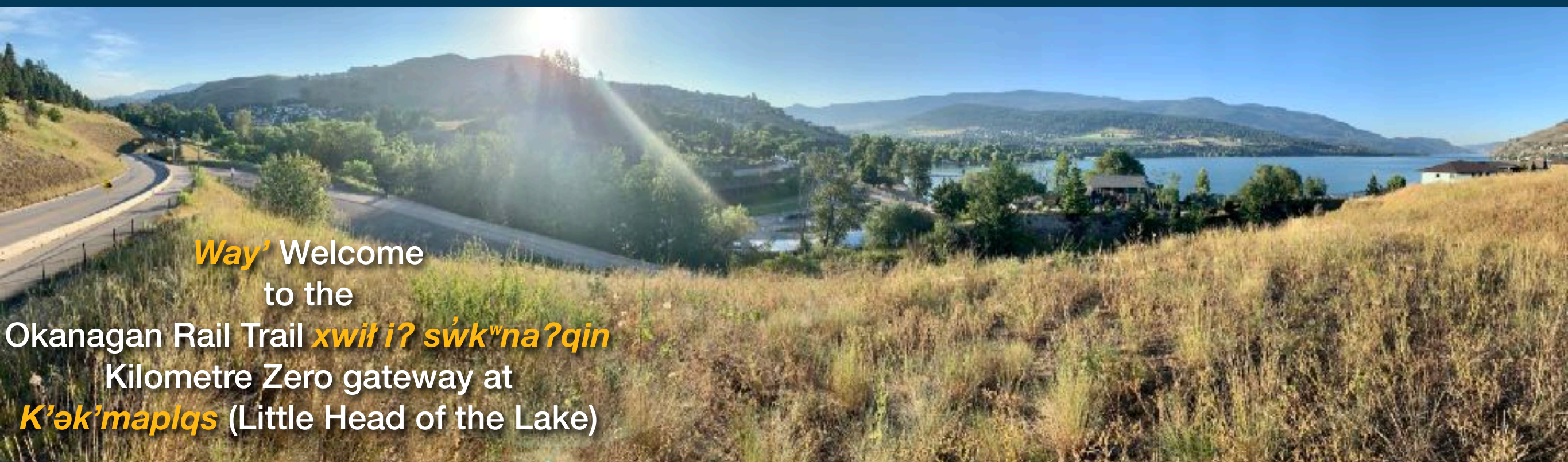




Help Finish the Northern Gateway



Way' Welcome
to the

Okanagan Rail Trail **xwít i? s'wkw'na?qin**
Kilometre Zero gateway at
K'ək'mapłqs (Little Head of the Lake)

Once an industrial corridor and shunting space for an active rail line, this area is being transformed to be a signature trailhead at the start/end point of the Okanagan Rail Trail in the North Okanagan.

The Northern Gateway at Kilometre Zero will create a safe, spacious trailhead. Site improvements and interpretation will reflect and celebrate the unique natural and cultural values of the northern (Kalamalka) trail section, and the Little Head of the Lake area in Coldstream.





**Okanagan Rail Trail - all season, all ages
and abilities, many values**



Environmental



Health



Social & Cultural



Economic



**“Investing in our network of natural spaces and trails is
one of the most essential contributions we can make to the
public good.”**

Draft report on the State of Greater Vernon Trails and Natural Spaces

Trail Gateways ★



The Okanagan Rail Trail Management Plan calls for Trail Gateways in each community.

Where the adventure begins.

“Trail gateways anchor the ORT experience, and are places of information, orientation and celebration.”

ORT Management Plan

Km 0 at K'ək'mapłqs will be the first gateway and an opportunity to create a signature public space.

Gathering Space

The Northern Gateway at Km 0 is off-road and spacious, and provides a safe place to meet up with friends for the trail journey. A place to begin the memory-making...



Learning Space

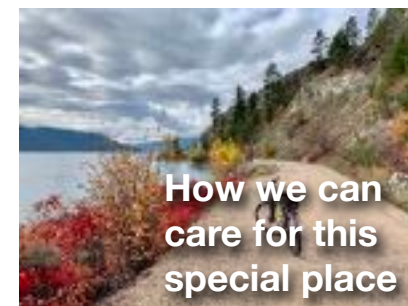
It will inspire trail users to appreciate, understand, and respect the Kalamalka trail section.



The Nature



The Water



How we can care for this special place

Learning Space

Kilometre Zero provides a place to celebrate the historical and contemporary Syilx place on the land.

“The Okanagan Rail Trail was originally part of a larger interconnected network of trails utilized by our People to access all parts of Northern Syilx Territory to undertake essential sustenance, societal and spiritual activities. K’ək’maplqs was important for fishing, hunting, and harvesting, and remains of pit houses have been found in the vicinity.”

Byron Louis, Chief, Okanagan Indian Band



Traditional Okanagan pithouse ca.1920
Photo Credit: Sncəwips Heritage Museum

Concept Plan

Km 0 at K'ək'mapłqs



Trailhead kiosk (design TBD):

- Welcome and orientation
- Trip planning/wayfinding
- Trail rules and etiquette
- Sense of place
- Donor recognition

Hilltop Viewpoint

- Potentially Including interpretation and sculpture

Public Art - TBD

Plaza

Okanagan Rail Trail

College Way

Paved pathway



Gateway Marker (design TBD)

Interpretive Installations



Concept

Km 0 at K'ək'mapłqs



Design Inspiration



Traditional tule mat
Long house

Welcome Stations

- Design tbd



In 2020, Grants and Community Donations completed Phase 1 (Native Landscaping) of site development.



Completed Nov. 2020



Before

Phase 1 Funding and Accomplishments

- \$45,000 Grants
- \$36,000 Public Donations
- Over 200 volunteer hours; in-kind contributions
- Research, planning and design
- High standard site restoration
- 23 species/500 native plants; temporary irrigation



After

Phase 2 will complete basic infrastructure.

Goal: To complete fundraising for Km 0 - ready for construction in 2022.

Total Fundraising target:	\$450,000
Current grant applications:	\$130,000
Future grant applications:	\$220,000
2021 Public Campaign:	\$100,000



'Okanagan Sunflower'
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Arrowleaf Balsamroot

The theme and inspiration of
our fundraising campaign



How you can help create the Northern Gateway.

Donate Now

Donations are being accepted by:

Community Foundation of the North Okanagan:

- by on-line donation. Select “Okanagan Rail Trail – Km Zero” in the drop down box.
- by cheque to Community Foundation of the North Okanagan (304 – 3402 – 27th Avenue, Vernon BC V1T 1S1). Please add Okanagan Rail Trail – Km Zero in memo field.
- by e-transfer to info@cfno.org. Please specify that the donation is for the Okanagan Rail Trail.
- or use the CFNO contact form to find out other ways to donate.

Central Okanagan Foundation:

- by on-line donation. Select “Okanagan Rail Trail – Km Zero” in the drop down box.
- by cheque to Central Okanagan Foundation (Landmark 1, 306 – 1726 Dolphin Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 9R9). Please add Okanagan Rail Trail – Km Zero in memo field.

Donations in excess of \$25 will receive a tax deduction receipt.

If you donate \$100 or more, and wish to leave a message on the **Sunflower Campaign Gratitude Page (20 words max)**, please send the message along with your donation.

Find out more.

Help Fundraise

Contact Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail if you, your organization or business would like to help with fundraising for Kilometre Zero, or if you are interested in contributing goods or services in-kind, or if you would just like to learn more.

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