



# Help Create the Northern Gateway



**Way'** Welcome  
to the

Okanagan Rail Trail **xwít'í? s'w'k'na?qin**  
Kilometre Zero gateway at  
**K'ək'map'iqs** (Little Head of the Lake)

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

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.





**Off-road and spacious, Kilometre Zero will provide a safe place to meet up with friends for the trail journey.**

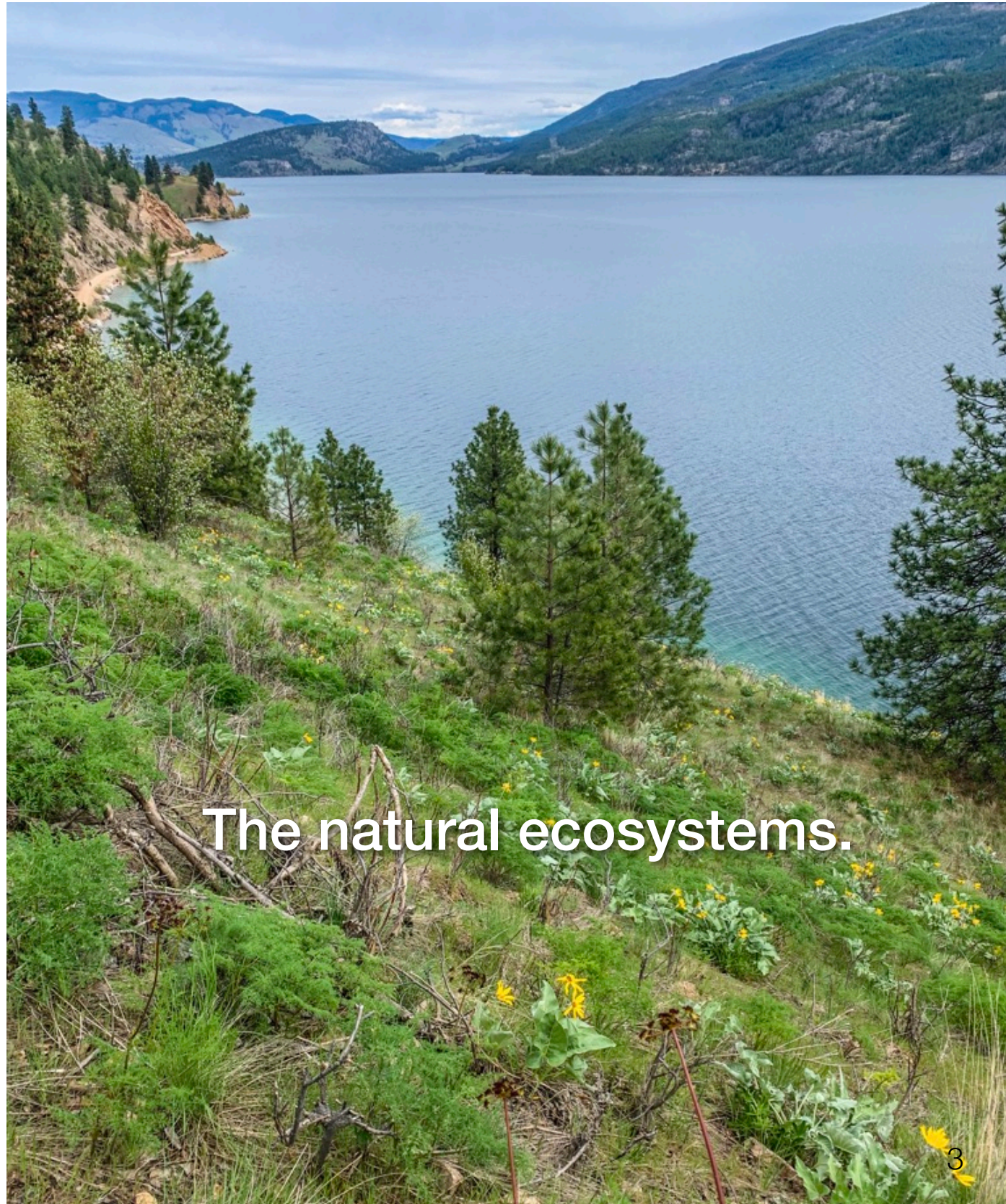


**The alternative.**

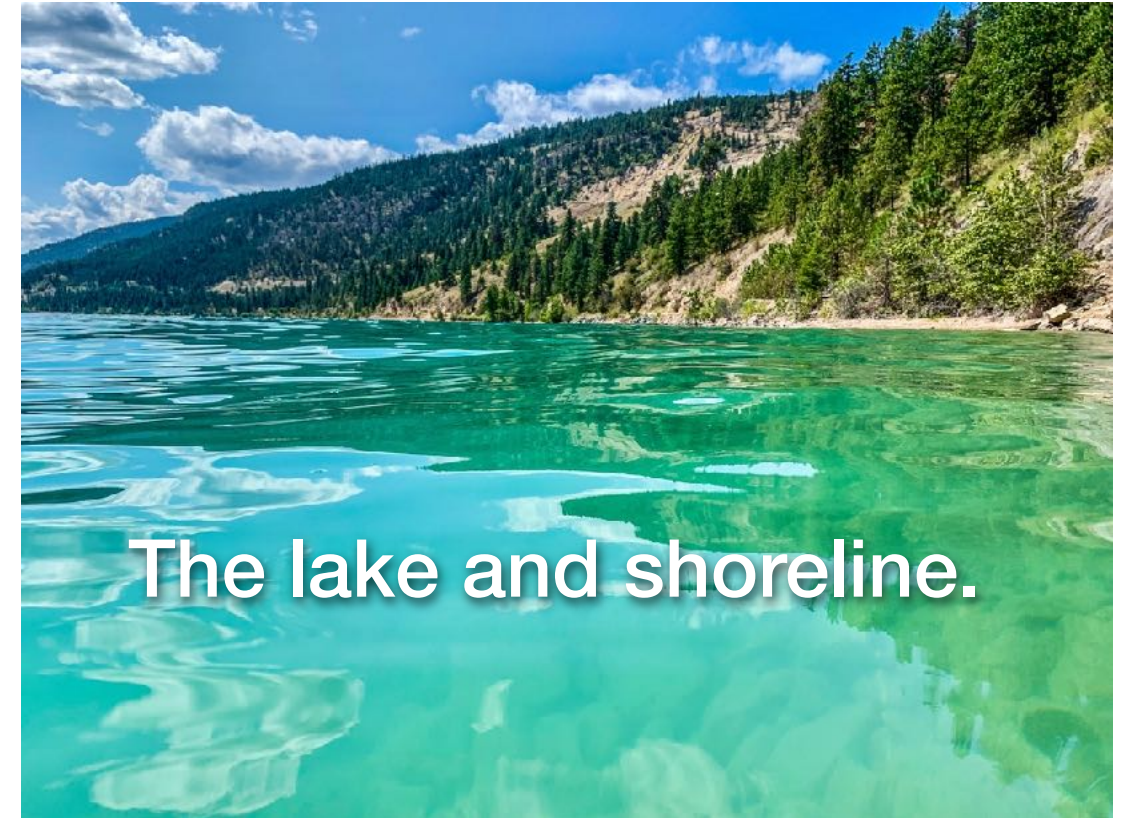




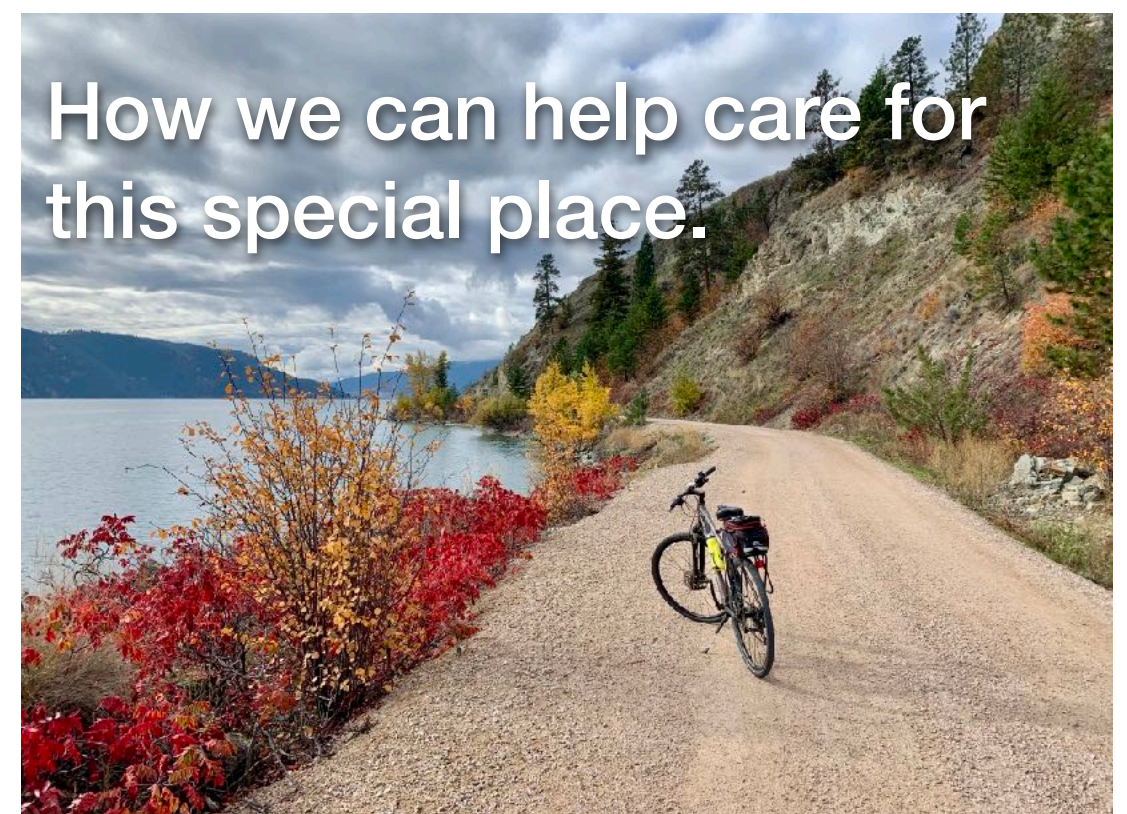
**It will inspire trail users to appreciate, understand, and respect the Kalamalka trail section.**



The natural ecosystems.



The lake and shoreline.



How we can help care for this special place.



# 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’məplqs was important for fishing, hunting, and harvesting, and remains of pit houses have been found in the vicinity.”

Byron Louis, Chief, Okanagan Indian Band



Sheldon Pierre Louis, puti kʷala – we are still here, 2020



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



# The Northern Gateway will exemplify qualities of the Okanagan Rail Trail Experience

## Experience

“A unique way to experience the beauty of the Okanagan”

## Welcoming

“...open and inclusive access”  
“...safe, respectful amenities”

## Use of nsyilxcen

“... responsibility in managing and protecting the natural ecological systems and archaeological areas along the ORT, and making use of these in a way that is respectful of the Syilx People’s culture, traditions, language and history in their territory...”



## Historical

“We will celebrate the rich cultural history of our region”

## Community

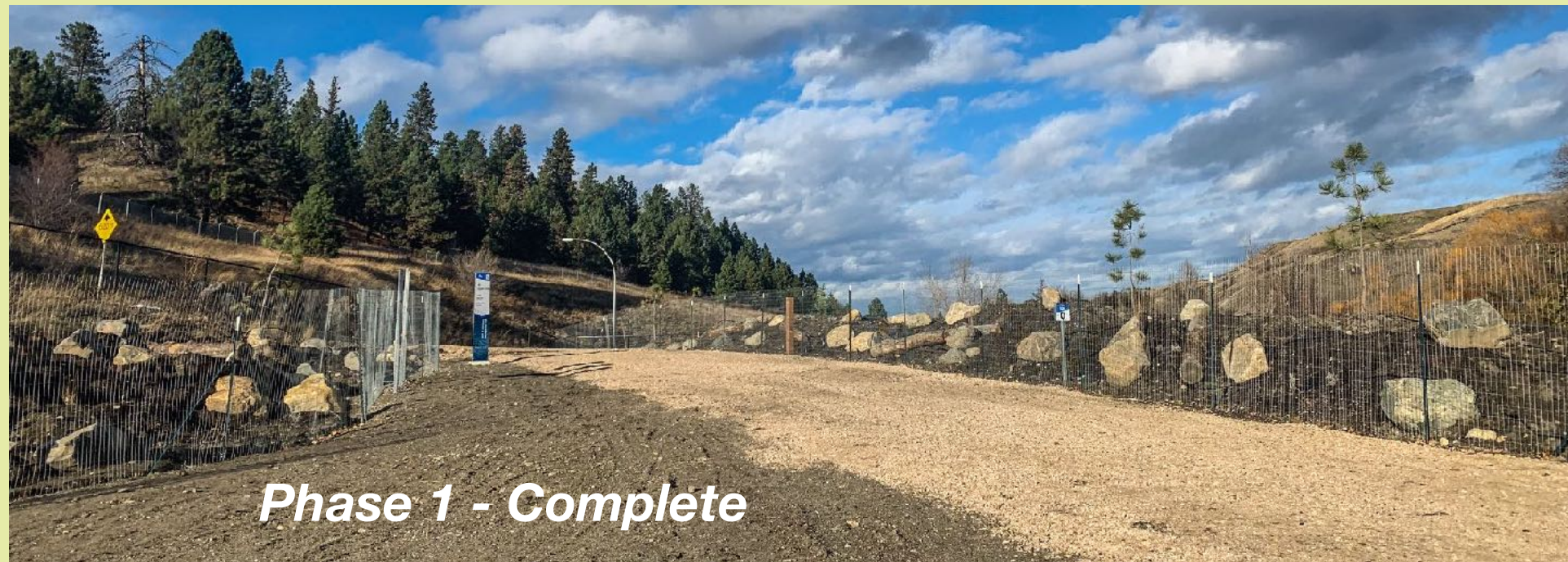
“Born out of the pride of our local communities...”

## Environment

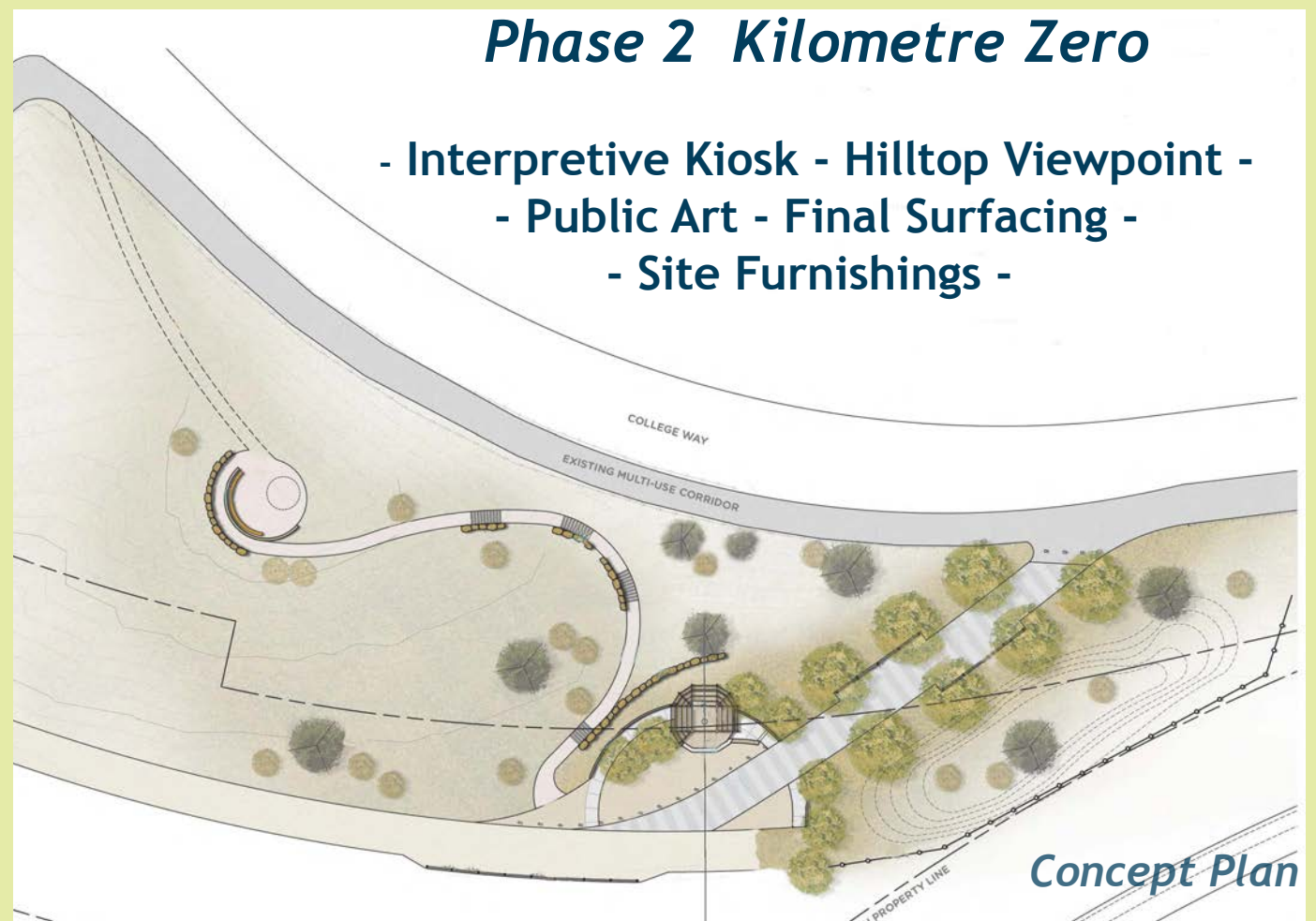
“...learn about and enjoy the rich natural ecosystems”  
“...preservation of the natural environment and everything within it is key, and decisions will be made with sustainability in mind.”



**With Phase 1 complete, fundraising will support Phase 2 completion of this trail gateway.**

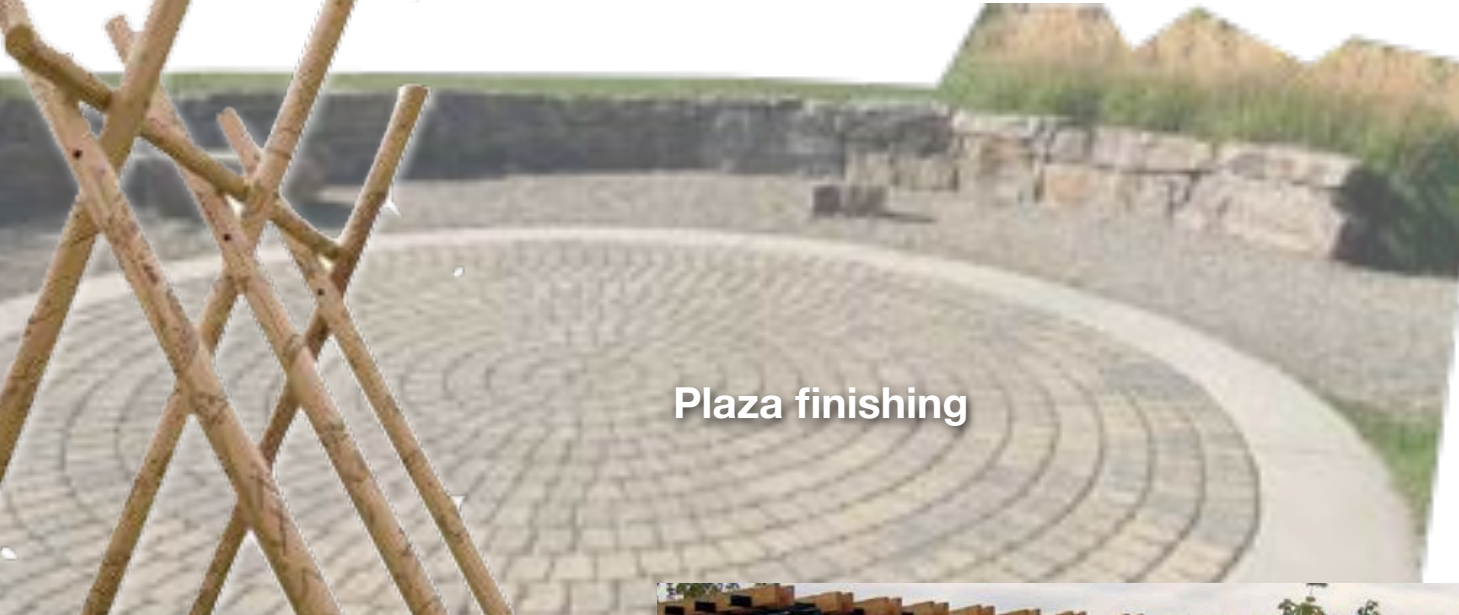


**Development will be guided by the Okanagan Rail Trail Master Plan and site planning.**





**Phase 2 will complete the site with features such as the ideas shown below.**



**Welcome and Interpretive Signage**



**Interpretive installations, public art, and a hilltop lookout would all be part of Phase 2 improvements. All items subject to design, approvals and fundraising.**



**Public Art**





**This year we needed the Okanagan Rail Trail  
more than ever before.**

Here is your chance to say thanks through the  
'Sunflower Campaign' for the northern gateway.



The name 'Sunflower Campaign' is symbolic of the joy of our spring wildflowers and the hope from planting for the future. Donations will help restore the beautiful Arrowleaf Balsamroot and other native plants to honour the natural environment and to welcome visitors to learn more.



# 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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