



Hello [Name,fallback=Subscriber],

Spring is in full force and the beautiful Arrowleaf Balsamroot are once again greeting trail users. Our trail has been the 'happy place' for many of us throughout the year, and several projects are underway to make the trail even better.

## Trail Improvements Happen with Your Help

Your donations to the Okanagan Rail Trail support thousands of trail users every year who enjoy the trail for recreation, exercise, active transportation or simply a place to escape to nature or connect with friends and family. Fundraising campaigns support owner jurisdictions to improve trail infrastructure, restore areas along the trail corridor, tell the stories, and enrich the trail experience.

The current fundraising focus is to finish the northern trail gateway at Km 0. Last year saw the first phase of site restoration to convert a railyard to the Km 0 trailhead. The next phase is to complete the site by adding a plaza, entrance kiosk and interpretive installations - elements that define the gateway to the spectacular Kalamalka section of the Okanagan Rail Trail. **This is where we need help from trail supporters like you.**

***[Find out more about Km 0](#)***

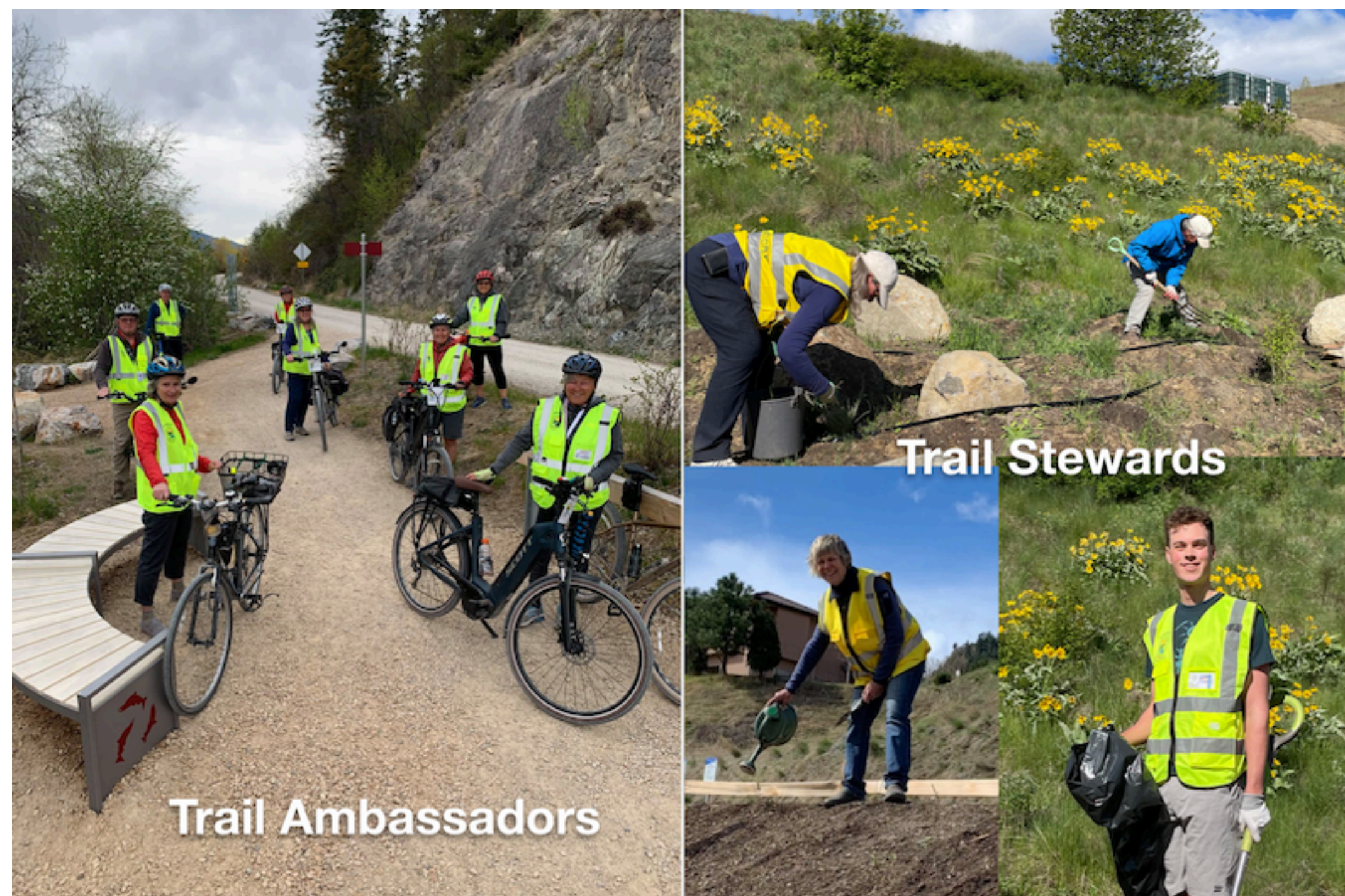
**[Donate Now](#) to complete Km 0**



## Thank You Donors

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far! Your donation helps to complete capital developments, leverage grant applications, and helps support trail volunteer programs.

## Thank You Volunteers



The Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail are busier than ever with 63 active Trail Ambassadors and Trail Stewards, and thousands of volunteer hours being logged to connect with trail users and care for the trail corridor. To learn more about volunteering with Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail, check out the [website](#), or email: [volunteer@okanaganrailtrail.ca](mailto:volunteer@okanaganrailtrail.ca).

## New Trail Map/Brochure and Poster

The first downloadable, printable trail map and brochure is [now available](#). You can use this portable map to link to the online interactive map and some of the trail's interesting stories. The brochure also provides trail etiquette and safety tips as good reminders to all of us!



## More Trail Improvements

Trail owner jurisdictions have been busy and have several trail improvements completed or underway, including:

- New washrooms at Westkal Parking area
- [Indigenous Art Installations](#) along Pelmeash Parkway close to the Okanagan Rail Trail
- [Extension of the rail trail to the Kelowna waterfront](#)

## A Happy Place in a Challenging Time

The Okanagan Rail Trail is a place for physical and mental wellness... a place for everyday enjoyment and milestone achievements.



Andrew Garant and Cody Teichroeb starting their 50 km run at Km 0 on May 8. [The pair raised awareness for mental health and over \\$6600 for the BC Mental Health Foundation.](#)

Take care of yourself and others, and enjoy the trail this spring while following current health advisories.

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