

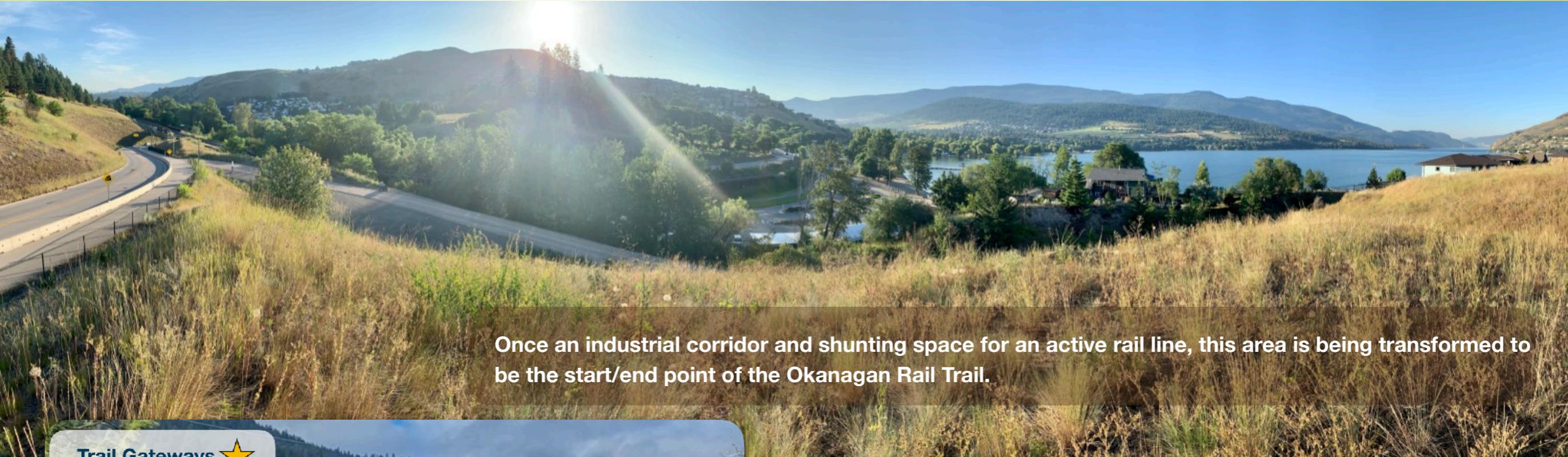


# Help Create the Northern Gateway

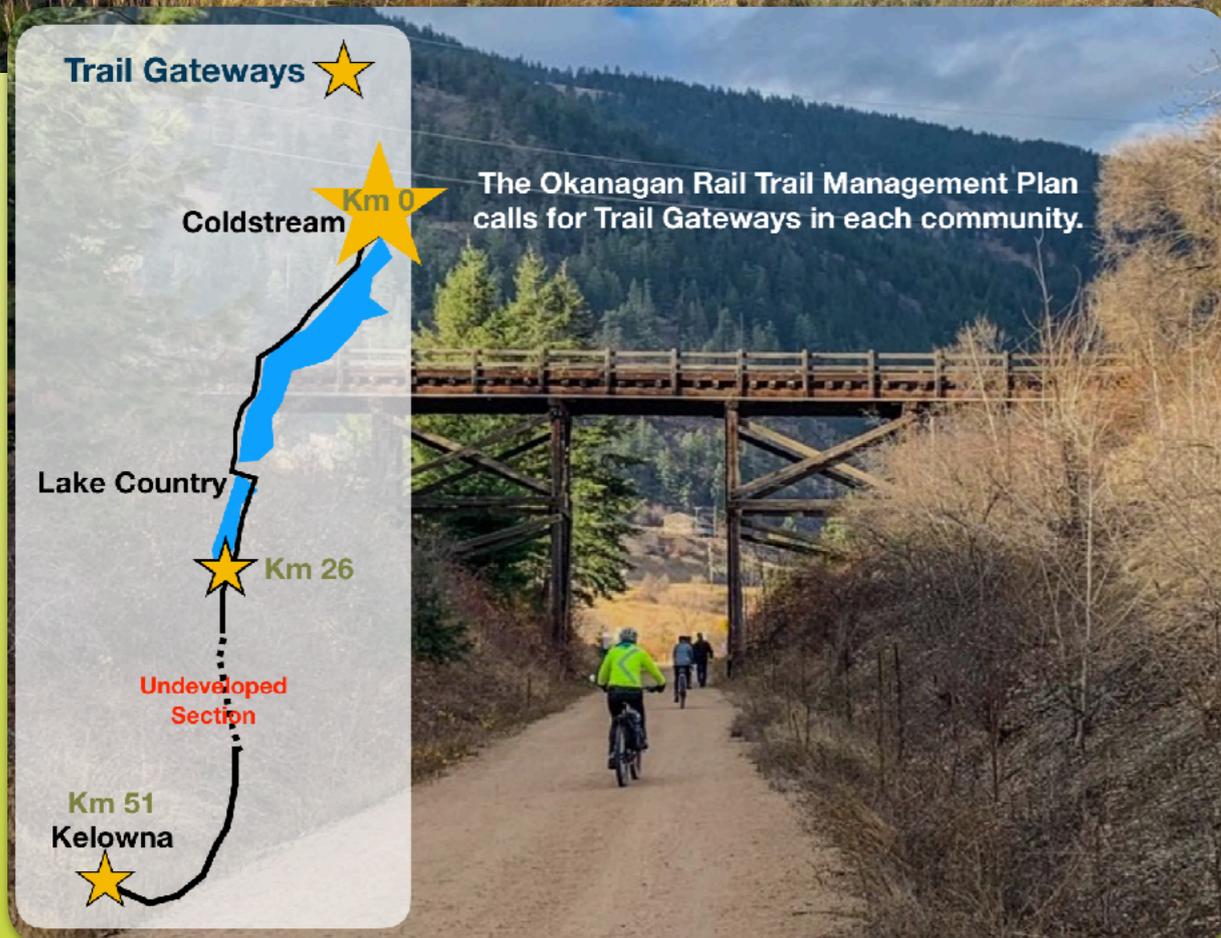
## Kilometre 0 at *k'ək'maplas*



# Way' Welcome to the Okanagan Rail Trail *xwił i? s'wk'na?qin* Kilometre 0 gateway at *K'ək'maplqs* (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.



**Where the adventure begins.**

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

ORT Management Plan

# Kilometre 0 at *K'ək'mapłs*



**The northern gateway at Kilometre 0 will create a safe, spacious trailhead to welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.**

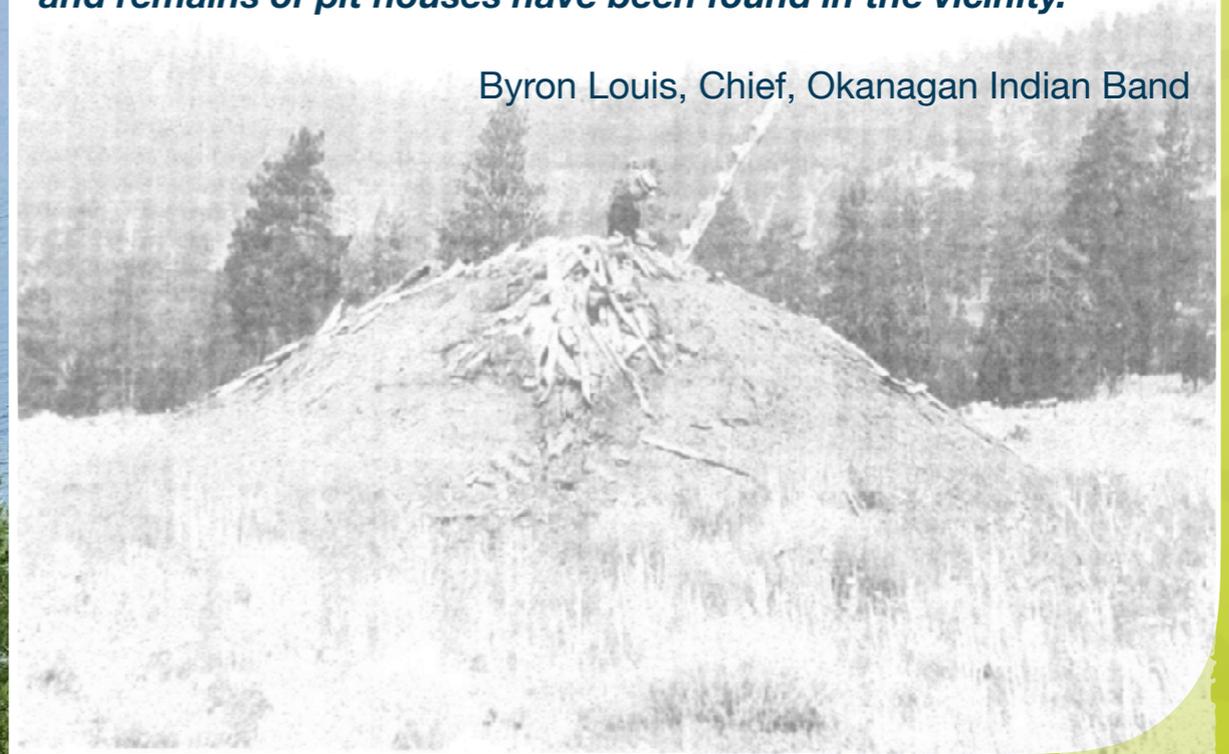
# Kilometre 0 at *K'ək'mapłqs*

Site improvements and interpretation will reflect and celebrate the unique natural and cultural values of the northern (Kalamalka) trail section, and *K'ək'mapłqs* (the Little Head of the Lake) area in Coldstream.



*“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'mapłqs* was important for fishing, hunting, and harvesting, and remains of pit houses have been found in the vicinity.”*

Byron Louis, Chief, Okanagan Indian Band



# Kilometre 0 at *K'ək'maplas*

- Nature focus and Indigenous inspiration
- Shade structures and seating
- Inviting way-finding and interpretive signage and structures



Inspired by syilx summer encampment



Winter



**PHASING AREAS:**

- Phase 1 - Restored Grassland (1,200 m2)
- Phase 2 - Plaza (1,300 m2)
- Phase 3 - Hilltop (300 m2)

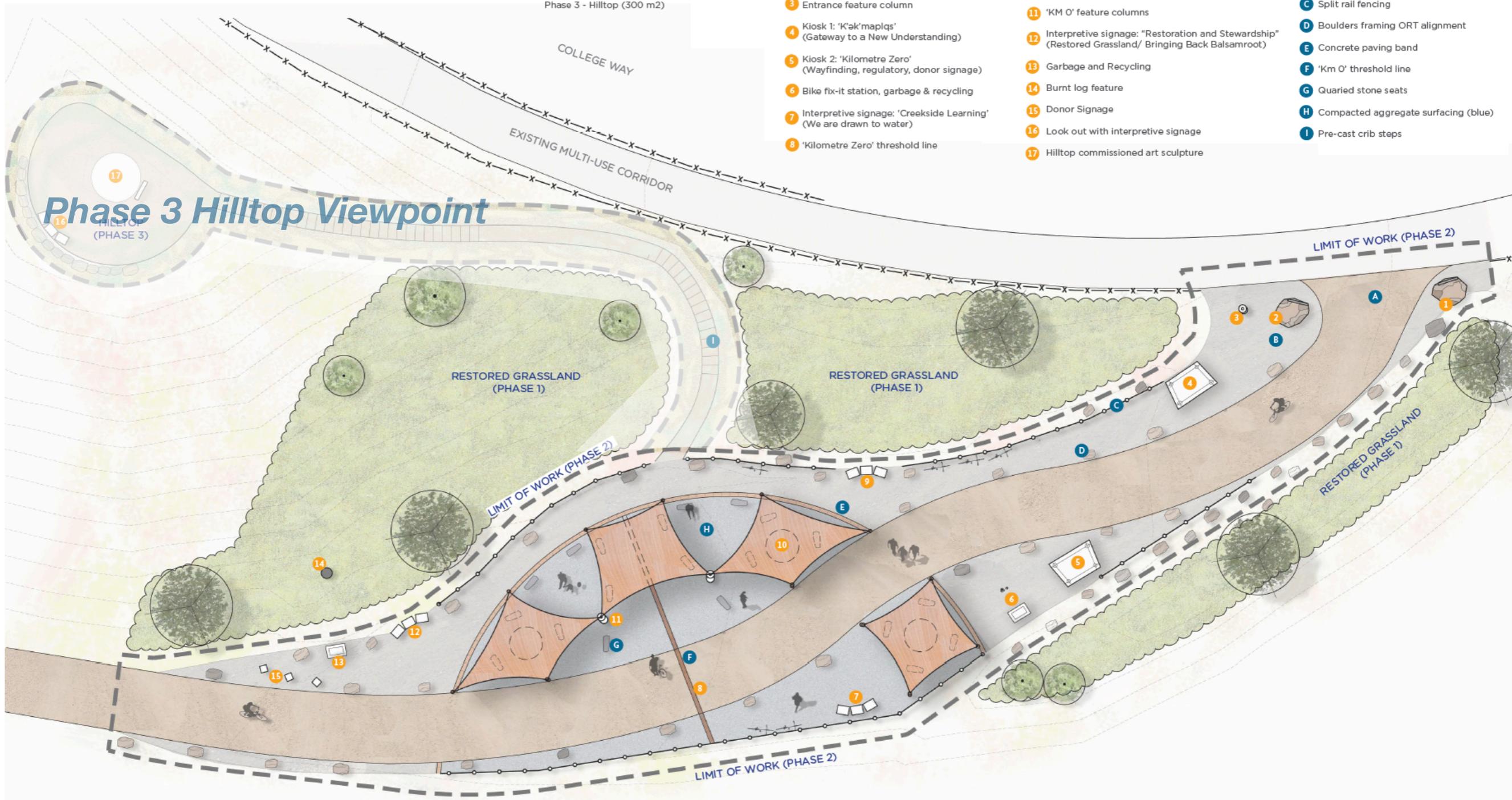
**FEATURES KEY:**

- 1 'Rail Trail' feature boulder entrance sign
- 2 'xwii i? sw k?na?qin' feature boulder
- 3 Entrance feature column
- 4 Kiosk 1: 'K'ak'mapq's' (Gateway to a New Understanding)
- 5 Kiosk 2: 'Kilometre Zero' (Wayfinding, regulatory, donor signage)
- 6 Bike fix-it station, garbage & recycling
- 7 Interpretive signage: 'Creekside Learning' (We are drawn to water)
- 8 'Kilometre Zero' threshold line

- 9 Interpretive signage: 'Gathering/Learning' (Movement through K'ak'mapq's)
- 10 Large round seating platform
- 11 'KM 0' feature columns
- 12 Interpretive signage: "Restoration and Stewardship" (Restored Grassland/ Bringing Back Balsamroot)
- 13 Garbage and Recycling
- 14 Burnt log feature
- 15 Donor Signage
- 16 Look out with interpretive signage
- 17 Hilltop commissioned art sculpture

**MATERIALS KEY:**

- A High fines gravel surfacing (pink)
- B Compacted aggregate surfacing (grey)
- C Split rail fencing
- D Boulders framing ORT alignment
- E Concrete paving band
- F 'KM 0' threshold line
- G Quarried stone seats
- H Compacted aggregate surfacing (blue)
- I Pre-cast crib steps



L1

**KM 0 AT LITTLE HEAD OF THE LAKE: CONCEPT PLAN**

OKANAGAN RAIL TRAIL

0 5 10 15 20m



GVAC SUBMISSION JULY 30, 2021



BENCH

\*Note: The Okanagan Rail Trail is managed cooperatively by the District of Lake Country, City of Kelowna, Okanagan Indian Band, and Regional District of North Okanagan

# A Welcoming Entrance



**“Where the adventure begins”**



# Kilometre 0 at *κ'ək'mapłs*

## Phase 1 Native Landscaping and Stewardship



**Restoration Ecology + Indigenous Knowledge + Volunteer Stewards = A great start for Kilometre 0**

***“Grasslands are one of the most difficult ecosystems to successfully restore. This site is one of the most successful restoration projects I have seen.”***

Carrie Nadeau, Senior Ecologist, Associated Engineering



# ***‘Okanagan Sunflower’ Campaign***

## **Phase 2**

***“FORT first began work on the Km 0 trailhead in 2019, before the unimaginable challenges of the pandemic, heat waves and fires, and residential school findings.***

***The Okanagan Rail Trail and its beautiful natural surroundings provides a source of health and healing. A place where we can connect with and care for our natural environment. An opportunity to learn from the original stewards - the syilx people.***

***Granting agencies, community residents and corporations supported the initial vision for the trailhead. Now with detailed plans, we need your support to make it happen.”***

Laurie Postill, Chair Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail



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**Arrowleaf Balsamroot**

**The name 'Sunflower Campaign' is symbolic of the joy of our spring wildflowers and the hope from planting for the future. These beautiful wildflowers are important in the syilx culture, and will be one focus of interpretation at Km 0.**

# Kilometre 0 at *K'ək'maplas*

The target is within sight.



## Phase 1 Native Plantings

- Completed 2020
- Grants: \$45,000
- Donations: \$36,000

## Phase 2 Plaza

Projected Budget: \$294,000  
Grants: \$97,650  
Donations (Sept/21): \$53,000

**We are over halfway there!**

# 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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# Thank you for being part of this legacy.

Thank you to donors who have contributed so far, and to the agencies who provided grants to kick start the project.



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