



# Hello

## Gateway Design Reveal

Last year at this time, the Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail (FORT) were racing winter to complete the native plant restoration at the Northern Gateway (Kilometre 0 of the 50 km Okanagan Rail Trail).

Now, after a year of grant writing and fundraising, talking to site users, learning about the indigenous history, and collaborating on site design, the new designs are ready to share.

[See the NEW design!](#)



### Kilometre 0 at *K'ək'mapłs*

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



Inspired by sylix summer encampment



Winter



**“With the many needs for charitable donations this year, we are grateful that trail users continue to support improvements, like this signature trail gateway.”**

— Laurie Postill, chair Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail



## We're Half Way There!

The fundraising target for Kilometre 0 is over halfway met, and now that we have an exciting and functional design, we hope it will encourage more trail enthusiasts to become donors. Please share this email if you know of any businesses or individuals who could make a donation.

[Donate Today!](#)



Thanks to the Community Foundation North Okanagan and Central Okanagan Foundation for continuing to receive donations on behalf of the trail. These trusted community organizations promptly issue tax deduction receipts (for donations over \$25), support other ways of giving, and ways to dedicate your donation to a loved one.

**Thanks to everyone who has already donated to Kilometre 0!**

[Thank You Donors](#)

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## 77 Trail Volunteers!

Our volunteer Trail Ambassadors and Trail Stewards continue to make the rail trail a welcoming place for a hike or a bike ride and kept the new plantings at Kilometre 0 flourishing through this hot, dry summer. Our group of volunteers has now expanded to 77 trail enthusiasts who together have logged over 3000 hours in 2021!

Our Trail Ambassador program received international attention this fall as program lead, Phyllis Turner, presented at the [American Trails Webinar](#)

The Trail Stewards group has also expanded this year to learn about invasive weeds and how to look after the new native plantings which will form the backdrop for the Kilometre 0 Gateway.

Other ways to volunteer are through helping with fundraising, communications, grant writing, and training programs. If you would like to learn more, please contact:

[volunteer@okanaganrailtrail.ca](mailto:volunteer@okanaganrailtrail.ca)

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# Get Social With Us

Follow us on social and share your adventures along the Okanagan Rail Trail by tagging us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) and using our hashtag [#friendsofokanaganrailtrail](#)



Run or Walk



Go for a Bike Ride



& Enjoy the View!



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## Help Spread the Word!



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Winter is a great time to continue to enjoy the trail, but remember to prepare for icy conditions and dress for the weather.

Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season

