



Schedule 3 to the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2010.

## **EXPERIENCE THE FRASER**

### **Lower Fraser River Corridor: A Recreational and Cultural Heritage Project**

In April 2009, the Province of BC provided the partnership of Fraser Valley Regional District and Metro Vancouver with \$2.5 million dollars for the Experience the Fraser Project.

Extending from Hope to the Salish Sea this is an unprecedented opportunity to plan and create a showcase for the Lower Fraser River, its landscapes, wildlife and its people and provide a land and water-based recreational and cultural heritage legacy.

Two million dollars is slated to develop a comprehensive Concept Plan incorporating both regional districts by mid 2011. The plan envisions a series of community nodes and park complexes extending 160km along the Lower Fraser River from Hope to the Salish Sea connected by a comprehensive network of regional trails and blueways and linking to local trails and communities.

It will be integrated with an interregional park and a trail system plan linking communities to the Fraser River and the Trans Canada Trail, providing residents and visitors alike with access to a wide variety of unique places and history, and ultimately connecting to the Province's Interior and Vancouver Island trail systems.

Five hundred thousand dollars was provided toward two demonstration projects that are well underway:

- Mission Waterfront Demonstration project (partnership between FVRD and the District of Mission) is scheduled for opening in May 2010. The project includes unique interpretive public art pieces.
- Golden Ears Bridge/Derby Reach Demonstration Trail Project (partnership between Metro Vancouver, Township of Langley, and Trails BC) is scheduled for opening in mid 2010. This project provides a significant Trans Canada Trail segment facilitating connectivity between the Golden Ears Bridge and Historic Fort Langley.

An important key to success lies with the development of partnerships of broad ranging proportions including Federal, Provincial and local governments, First Nations, Non-Governmental Organization's, other agencies, and sectors. The route plans to incorporate parks and greenways, municipal and crown lands, dykes, and a variety of other public and private lands where an opportunity is available. First Nations engagement is essential to the success of the ETF vision. Outreach and communication to identify opportunities, benefits and possible partnerships is ongoing.

The ETF plan incorporates a long-term vision and a multi-year implementation program. The plan will create and improve land and water-based recreational opportunities, benefit waterfront community revitalization initiatives, provide for tourism and economic development, and showcase the natural, cultural and industrial heritage of the Lower Fraser River Corridor.





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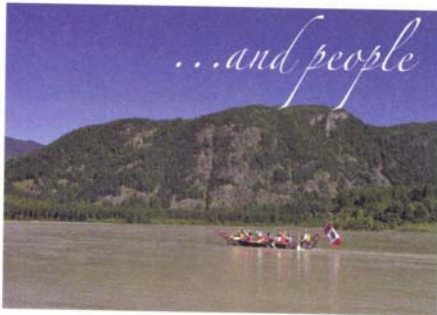
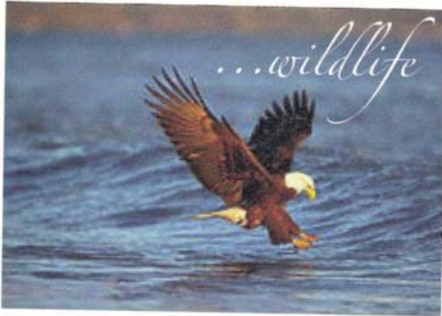
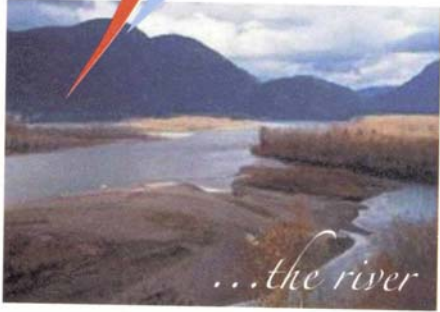
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