



Pender Islands
Parks and Recreation
Commission

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Community Open House

On Saturday April 13th, Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission held an open house at the Community Hall for islanders to learn more about, and give their feedback on, our current projects including the Schooner Way Trail Project.

The day was a great success as we met with hundreds of Pender residents to discuss what we can do to improve the lives of the people on our islands.

Funding Update

Our most exciting news to share is our latest milestone: a \$500,000 grant from the Province of British Columbia's Active Transportation Infrastructure Program for the Schooner Way Trail Project.

These grant dollars wouldn't have been possible without the pledges of Pender residents and businesses, which enabled us to meet the funder's criteria for



Pender Kids Want to Ride- Photo by Marie-Andrée Cloutier

matching funds. To everyone who pledged, a heartfelt thank you. We'll be reaching out to you in the coming weeks with details on how to activate your pledge. If you're able, please consider increasing your pledge to help us get there.

But wait, there's more good news. We're delighted to announce we've received a \$65,000 Capital and Innovation Program grant from the Island Coastal Economic Trust. Plus, we're exploring innovative ways to stretch our budget further and keep costs under control, including repurposing materials from The Dip road realignment project on South Pender. We'll provide regular project updates on Facebook, in future issues of the Pender Post, and on the project webpage. Visit www.crd.bc.ca/schoonerwaytrail for more information.

Your continued backing is invaluable as we strive to meet our \$250,000 community fundraising goal for Phase One of the trail, connecting Danny Martin Park to Medicine Beach.

Make a Pledge

It's easy to donate to the Schooner Way Trail Project. Pledge forms can be found at www.crd.bc.ca/schoonerwaytrail, and there are several ways to pay, including by e-transfer to SchoonerTrail@crd.bc.ca or by cheque to the CRD. Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to us: penderparks@crd.bc.ca

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