



Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Have you heard? The Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PIPRC) is leading the Schooner Way Trail Project, an initiative to build a multi-use trail from Danny Martin Ballpark to the Pender School.

What is a multi-use trail?

A pathway that supports human-powered transportation. This includes those who are walking, running and rolling (e.g. scooters or skateboards), cycling and people using mobility devices such as wheelchairs, walkers and strollers.

Why is PIPRC doing this project?

This project was initiated by the PIPRC in response to community requests for transportation trails that advance health, safety, mobility and environmental goals in the community. The Schooner Way Trail Project is based in Pender priorities, and is Pender led and Pender driven. This section of trail was also previously identified by Pender residents as the community's highest priority for active transportation (SGI Active Transportation Plan, 2022).

Who is involved?

The project is being led by PIPRC. We are a local, volunteer commission of the Capital Regional District. The Schooner Way Trail Project was originally initiated by Moving Around Pender (MAP) and involves both the CRD and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI).

What's the big picture?

The Schooner Way Trail Project is the first phase of a three phase multi-use trail network. The Schooner Way Trail will eventually tie into the CRD's planned Gulf Islands Regional Trail, which will run from Otter Bay ferry to the Driftwood Centre, and from the Driftwood Centre to South Pender. These trails will enable Pender residents to travel safely and efficiently to school, work and social activities, and to access community services, amenities and businesses – all while reducing our carbon footprint.

When will the trail be built?

Engineering design is now 75% complete and we have shared this information with property owners along the proposed trail route. The next steps are community engagement, fundraising and applying for infrastructure grants. If we get sufficient grant funding and community donations, we anticipate that construction could begin as early as next summer.

How can I learn more?

Keep your eyes peeled for a display in the case outside Talisman Books running through July 8. There will also be an information session at the Driftwood Centre on July 13 from 3-6pm. Questions may be directed to me at 778.677.4733.

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