



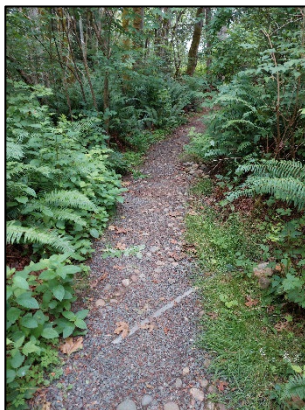
Coburn Road Trail Tune Up

The Coburn Road trail runs parallel to the E&N Rail line. It starts at the end of the existing gravel portion of Coburn Road and ends at Henry Morgan Park. This trail is primarily single track and undulates through some rough and overgrown forest. The trail bed is primarily dirt with multiple root crossings. The trail is one of the only connections from the “Downtown” section of Bowser to the Jaimeson Road Subdivision, the Bowser Elementary School, and via the Thompson Clark Ocean trail to Deep Bay. This trail creates an active transportation corridor for locals, students, and tourists. Also, as it directly connects downtown to the Deep Bay Marina, it provides safe, off of hwy 19a access to the business district for folks utilizing the docks.



The scope of maintenance is to widen and smooth the existing trail bed. This 225m long trail contains sections that need widening and gravel surface build up. The idea is to keep the trail typically natural, while widening and smoothing the surface to accommodate a variety of users including walkers, e-bikes, strollers, and adaptive forms of travel. As the trail is single track, we will be looking at widening the bed to around 1 meter wide, eliminate any sharp or off camber corners, and add at least one widened, pull-out area large enough to accommodate passing of accessible modes of transport like wheelchair or adaptive bike.

Lighthouse Recreation is happy to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the RDN to tune up the Coburn Road trail and enhance user experience! There are a lot of moving parts involved including sourcing material, delivery of material, vegetation maintenance, equipment rentals, and most importantly, volunteer help.



Working on a trail is a great way to stay active while giving back to your community. Tasks typically include everything from wheelbarrowing material and digging, to raking, smoothing, and pruning. Everyone and anyone can help, and all help is welcome.

The trail tune work party date is Sunday May 7 from 9am -2pm. Refreshments available for helpers.

We are really excited about the support we are receiving from local trail enthusiasts. Blue Rock Aggregates at Spider Lake are providing the material for the trail surface, and they are helping coordinate trucking. Sunbelt Rentals Parksville and Nanaimo

have stepped in and donated the use of some equipment for this project. We’ll be using a walk behind loader, dumper, and an electric wheelbarrow. If you have a job or a project, Sunbelt Rentals has the tools you need. Any job big or small, Sunbelt can make it happen.

Although our work party is on May 7, a lot of prep work and special jobs will happen prior too. If you have any questions or if you want to get involved, shoot us an email at recreation@lighthousehall.ca

