

Sample email/letter Expression of Support for Shuswap-North Okanagan Rail-Trail Initiative. . .

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Dear Shuswap/North Okanagan leaders,

I understand there may still be an opportunity to purchase the abandoned Sicamous to Armstrong rail corridor, and want to add my voice supporting all governing leadership within the Shuswap/North Okanagan region to work together with Secwepemc Splitsin leadership and Provincial leadership, the Shuswap Trail Alliance, community leaders, organizations, and sponsoring partners, to acquire the rail corridor – establishing a continuous hiking/cycling greenway – and link it with the Okanagan Rail Trail!

I also understand recent studies show well designed, signed, maintained, and promoted rail trail greenways can create significant economic opportunity, improve property values, reduce damage to sensitive habitat, manage negative use, increase health benefits and cost savings, and attract new residents and visitors. (See the Okanagan Rail Trail Impact Assessment, May 2014)

To this end, I support this unprecedented opportunity to create a world-class continuous destination greenway corridor for cycling and hiking linking Sicamous to Enderby to Armstrong along the abandoned CP Rail Line. And then, to work with leadership to the south linking an extended greenway trail to Vernon, Kelowna, and ultimately Osoyoos via the Kettle Valley Rail Trail and Trans Canada Trail.

Thank you.

_____ (your name)

(Your contact information)