

Delegation: Pamela Walker, Proposed Active Transportation Path in Cedar/Yellow Point Area

Summary: Because of the pandemic, Yellow Point Ecological Society (YES) has realized that many more people want to keep healthy. The roads in the Cedar/ Yellow Point area are attractive for exploring nature, but many sections are dangerous for cyclists, horseback riders, and pedestrians, including children walking to school. Many sections have no roadside shoulders, fog lines, or sidewalks. There are many blind corners and hills and many people drive too fast. YES is proposing the development of a multi-purpose path-for all ages and abilities-following BC's Active Transportation Design Guide keeping MoTI's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant in mind.

Action Requested: The Yellow Point Ecological Society (YES) requests that the RDN, CVRD, and MoTI participate on a Joint Management Committee with YES to explore and advance plans for an active transportation path in RDN Area A and CVRD Area H - the Cedar/Yellow Point area. The proposed path would follow a circular route around Cedar Rd and Yellow Point Rd, with extensions to the Duke Point Ferry and Nanaimo Airport, where there is a bus stop. Once the Committee has been established, we would charge that committee with planning the project, including gathering funds for an initial engineering feasibility study to start the trail development process.