

October 23, 2023

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RE: Letter of endorsement for a footbridge across the Nanaimo River from Morden Colliery Historical Provincial Park to Hemer Provincial Park

Dear Vanessa,

We were all very excited to see the article titled "RDN committee recommending \$5M bridge over Nanaimo River" in the Wednesday, October 18th Nanaimo News Bulletin. We feel this major expansion of the urban trails network just south of Nanaimo will be greatly appreciated by local residents for decades to come and we hope it goes forward.

One of our donor advised funds has pledged to contribute \$200,000 to the cost of the bridge. This could be used for a matching campaign or to otherwise incentivize community support. Additionally, we would be happy to include this project in our Book of Opportunities and promote it to other fund holders.

We look forward to the approval of a footbridge across the Nanaimo River from Morden Colliery Historical Provincial Park to Hemer Provincial Park at the October 24th board meeting.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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