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The Rotary Selkirk Hill Connector Trail grand opening celebration

On June 17th, grab the family and come on out for an exciting community event celebrating the grand opening of the new Rotary Selkirk Hill Connector Trail!

Beginning at 1 p.m., join the Town of Golden and the Golden Cycling for the ribbon cutting at the trail head behind the Golden & District Area. And don't forget the kids! The Rotary Club will be providing tickets for a free BBQ lunch for the first 50 children who show up for the ribbon cutting. There will be fun activities put on by the Interact Club, who have once again partnered with the Town of Golden.

A trail tour will follow, ending at Keith King Memorial Park, where a variety of activities are planned in partnership with Golden 24, 24hr mountain bike race. There will be a BBQ, the Farmer's Market and live music!

Located directly by the campground and popular visitor walking trails on the river, the redesigned path will provide a far better and enhanced experience for visitors with fencing, signage and a grade that makes it more accessible for foot traffic use. This much needed refreshment was funded by the provincial government's Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) and the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT).

"We are thrilled to have received funding from the RMI and CBT to develop recreational trails within Golden that benefit tourists and residents alike," says Town of Golden Mayor Ron Oszust. "Without this funding, projects like the redevelopment of the Rotary Trail from the public campground to KKMP would not be possible. This trail is also a vital link between the town core and a popular mountain biking trail network."

The grand opening event will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, June 17th.

"This trail is a great way for people of all ages and abilities to get re-connected with nature," says Manager of Recreation Services Jordan Petrovics. "The trail width was constructed to accommodate wider strollers and was built with an easy grade to make for an enjoyable climb. The end product provides a new active link to our existing recreation infrastructure. The public now has a 'green way' to access our community play spaces. This trail also creates new opportunities for additional events in recreation facilities like the Golden 24

race. The grand opening event marks the official opening of the trail but the improvements will continue to happen well into the fall.”

This initiative is also made possible by the Community Fund for Canada’s 150th, a collaboration between the Golden and District Community Foundation, the Government of Canada, and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast to coast.