

# MEDIA RELEASE

City of Williams Lake



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### Scout Island – Butterfly Trail Repairs

The Williams Lake Field Naturalists have recently completed a significant restoration project for the Scout Island Butterfly Trail with the help of a \$4,000 contribution from the City of Williams Lake's Community Services department.

Over four days in early October, the Williams Lake Field Naturalists, with the support of a local contractor, enhanced the Butterfly Trail with appropriate gravel and sub-material that better meets Scout Island users' needs.

"After the path was rebuilt in the Spring, we began to receive significant feedback from many users stating that the new path was not low-mobility friendly and that people felt they couldn't enjoy the path anymore," said Fred McMechan of the Williams Lake Field Naturalists. "We invested the time and effort to completely rebuild the path using new gravel that is more compact and allows better access to the trail for users with low-mobility or assisted mobility."

The City's Community Services department was pleased to partner with the Williams Lake Field Naturalists to assist with the completion of this project.

"Ensuring that the City and its visitors have access to mobility-friendly trails is fundamental to the goals of the Community Services department," said Ian James, Director of Community Services. "It was easy to support the Williams Lake Field Naturalists in this project, as the City continues to work towards achieving the goal of having uninterrupted accessible trails from Scout Island to the Fraser River."

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