# NEWS RELEASE

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## New trail connects Buttertubs to Bowen Park

### Summary

A new trail was recently opened which connects Buttertubs Marsh with Bowen Park. It extends to many other trails in Nanaimo; is part of the Millstone Trail system; and forms part of the Trans Canada Trail, connecting the VIU and NDSS campuses and the Larry McNabb Sport Zone with the City's downtown trails.

The trail was a result of the Millstone Trunk Sewer Replacement project completed earlier in the fall of this year. As part of the project, efforts were made to minimize storm water impact into Buttertubs Marsh by creating a bioswale, which will intercept and clean storm runoff before entering the marsh.

*Strategic Link:* The new trail supports an Active Lifestyle. The Millstone Trunk Sewer Replacement project supports Asset Management.

### Key Points

- The new trail connects Buttertubs Marsh and Bowen Park to a larger trail network including the Millstone Trail and Trans Canada Trail.
- The Millstone Trunk Sewer Replacement project extended from Pryde Vista Golf course across the Millstone River, up Buttertubs Drive and connected to a segment of the trunk sewer near Bowen Road.
- The sewer project used a pipe bursting method to replace the old sewer pipe which reduced the amount of excavation required and, in turn, reduced costs.
- Design of the project included features to minimize the environmental impact to Buttertubs Marsh Conservation Area.

### Quotes

"This project greatly improves the quality of the City's mobility options for residents and visitors to the City. It also demonstrates a more sustainable approach that strives to minimize environmental impacts as much as possible."

Rob Lawrance
Parks and Open Space Planner
City of Nanaimo

"The opportunity for this trail was made available with replacement of a major City sewer located deep under the street. Although the focus of the project was mostly on renewal of the sewer pipe, the trail adds a lasting amenity that will provide value for years to come."

Poul Rosen
Senior Manager Engineering
City of Nanaimo

"I am very proud of our extensive trail system in the Nanaimo area. This latest project is a valuable addition to the network, and is an important connector with the unique area of Buttertubs Marsh."

Ian Thorpe
Councillor
City of Nanaimo

## Quick Facts

- Pipe bursting is where a new pipe is installed where the old pipe is located. A “burst head” is used to burst or fragment the old pipe while the new pipe is installed.

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