



CITY OF QUESNEL INFORMATION UPDATE

Fraser River Footbridge to close for repairs

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QUESNEL, B.C. – Work on the Fraser River Footbridge will begin on Monday, January 18. As a result, the bridge will close to pedestrian traffic until early April. Pedestrians are asked to use the Moffat Bridge while construction is underway. Temporary safety railing will be put on the Moffat Bridge to further protect pedestrians.

The footbridge is undergoing a significant facelift. Much of the decking as well as many of the truss members and metal connectors will be replaced.

The City received \$1,759,000 from Western Economic Diversification Canada under the Community Economic Diversification Initiative (CEDI), a component of the federal government's Mountain Pine Beetle Program. The Quesnel Community and Economic Development Corporation played a major role in securing this grant. The City provided the remaining \$400,000 as its share of the cost of the work.

The 80-year-old foot bridge is a critical piece of the Riverfront Trail network. It is hoped by enhancing the bridge the City will be in a better position to entice people to visit and learn a bit more about the City's history.

The City thanks residents for their patience as this critical investment is made in our trail system.

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