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Generous Donation Boosts Kinsol Campaign

Duncan, BC – Lifelong Cowichan Valley community supporter Glen Harper, has helped the Kinsol Trestle Campaign move one step closer to its \$2 million fundraising goal with a donation of \$5,000. This second gift brings his total donations to Save the Historic Kinsol Trestle Campaign to \$6,000.

Harper says, "Egypt has the pyramids; Canada has the Kinsol Trestle. When completed, it's going to be a huge tourist attraction! Thousands will come to walk across the Trestle each year and this will provide a significant economic boost to the Cowichan Valley."

The overall budget target for the rehabilitation project is now set at \$7.5 million. With Trestle rehabilitation construction beginning in mid-June the campaign team is moving their efforts into high gear to raise the final dollars for the project.

"Glen's generous donation is very good news for this project," said Jack Peake, Chair of the Cowichan Foundation's Kinsol Capital Campaign. "It is only through the support of locals like Glen, displaying their leadership and enthusiasm for the Kinsol project, that we will complete the fundraising and the final goal of rehabilitating this Cowichan Valley treasure."

As part of the campaign to build awareness and to support contributions to Save the Historic Kinsol Trestle an Open House will be held at:

Place: BC Forest Discovery Center
2892 Drinkwater Road, Duncan, B.C.
Date: Tuesday, May 25th
Time: from 6 PM to 8 PM

The agenda will include up-dates on the campaign, historical insights and a review of the rehabilitation construction aspects of the Trestle. It promises to be an interesting presentation and a great opportunity to learn more about the Kinsol Trestle and become one of the supporters of its rehabilitation.

Donations to the Save the Historic Kinsol Trestle rehabilitation project can be made on-line at www.kinsol.ca or by contacting Diane Myrden or Kim Martin at the Campaign Office - (250) 709-1087 or kinsol@cfcowichan.ca.

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The Kinsol Trestle Capital Campaign is spearheaded by the Cowichan Foundation, which has a long history of contributing to the social, cultural and physical improvement of communities in the CVRD. The Foundation has partnered with the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) and Community Futures, Cowichan, which is providing administrative services and a campaign office. For more information, please visit www.kinsol.ca.