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NEW FURRY CREEK VIEWING PLATFORM OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

Improved platform is accessible and has expanded seating

Pemberton, BC –The new-and-improved Furry Creek viewing platform is once again open to the public, complete with access ramp, better sightlines and an expanded seating area.

The platform was closed on June 21, to allow for demolition of the existing platform and construction of the new, accessible platform, located at the end of the dyke on the north shore of Furry Creek. While the platform maintains a similar footprint to the original platform, it now includes an expanded seating area that takes in the north and south-facing views. The viewing platform site is located on the end of a dyke on the north bank of Furry Creek, known as the spit.

“I am thrilled that this project has come together, and that we are able to re-open the platform with several weeks of summer still ahead of us,” said SLRD Electoral Area D Director, Tony Rainbow. “The COVID-19 pandemic has limited our access to so much and it’s been a reminder of the importance of being able to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors,” he said.

“This structure might not seem like a big deal, but it is a vital amenity that helps connect us to the outdoors, to the community, and to each other,” added Rainbow. “This platform will be a welcome spot for locals and visitors to come and enjoy the great outdoors and take in the spectacular views of the area.”

The project was funded from SLRD Area D Amenity Funds, and was completed by West Coast Sea to Sky Construction Ltd, following a RFP process.

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About the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Located in southwestern BC, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is a local government federation consisting of four member municipalities (the District of Lillooet, the District of Squamish, the Village of Pemberton and the Resort Municipality of Whistler) and four unincorporated, rural electoral areas (A, B, C, and D). Headquartered in Pemberton, which is the approximate geographic centre of the region, the SLRD delivers a wide range of local, regional and sub-regional services to approximately 42,665 residents (2016 Census).

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