

Candle Lake Fun Run Grant - Thank You

The Candle Lake Trails Advisory Board is excited to be the recipient of a \$16,000 grant from Candle Lake Fun Run Inc. We are extremely grateful for the opportunities this funding provides our community.

This funding will be used for Phase 1 of a new initiative to develop a trail connecting Bayview Drive (connector to West Side Trail) to the Resort Village office area (Hall / Curling Rink / Tennis Courts / entrance to Bay Lake Trails). The "Candle Lake Fun Run" trail will follow the tree line from Bayview Drive approximately 1 km to the Resort Village recreation area.

The Trail Development Plan for this initiative was approved by RVCL Council in 2022, subject to funding. The plan is to start the project in 2023 with completion planned for 2024. Phase 1 will include tree and brush-cutting, blading, applying aggregate, levelling, and compacting the surface. Phase 2 will complete the trail to the same hard-surface standards as the West Side Trail by applying crusher dust. Completion of Phase 2 will depend on future funding.

Currently there is no maintained trail in this area – all pedestrian/cycling traffic must access the recreation area via Highway #265 along with vehicle traffic.

Developing this trail from Bayview to the Recreation Hub and Bay Lake Trails will provide safer pedestrian access and more opportunities for all Candle Lake community members and our many visitors to come together in the recreation hub and enjoy nature and human-powered activities at the same time. We believe that physical activity and social interaction facilitate good mental health and well-being.

