



***We work to understand, appreciate, protect and restore
the ecosystems and watersheds
in the Yellow Point area of Vancouver Island
and to inspire and support local residents to do the same.***

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Board of Education
School District 68
Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools
395 Wakesiah Avenue
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Dear Chair,

We have a vision of safe, healthy, sustainable travel and recreation in the Yellow Point and Cedar area. We have launched a project to build a 30 km safe separated trail that could be used by walkers, cyclists and others, connecting local parks, schools, businesses, markets and community centres. Because of local conditions and the cost of building, there may be a separated trail in some areas and a widened shoulder with some kind of separating barrier in others.

If any of your Trustees live in the Cedar/Yellow Point area, they might have seen the painted yellow bikes that we placed along the roadside to get the community talking and engaged.

We have a particular hope that the trail will be used by children travelling to and from North Oyster, Cedar Elementary and Cedar Secondary Schools, all of which are on or close to the proposed trail.

The CVRD and the RDN have given strong expressions of support, and we will soon be forming a Joint Management Committee with them and the Ministry of Transportation.

Our immediate need is to apply for grants for a \$40,000 Feasibility Study, which is Stage One of the project. For several of these grant applications letters of support are needed, specifically from School Boards. Our first funding application is due in on October 31st, so time is of the essence.

If you are able to offer us such a letter of support, we would be very pleased.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guy Dauncey".

Guy Dauncey
President, Yellow Point Ecological Society