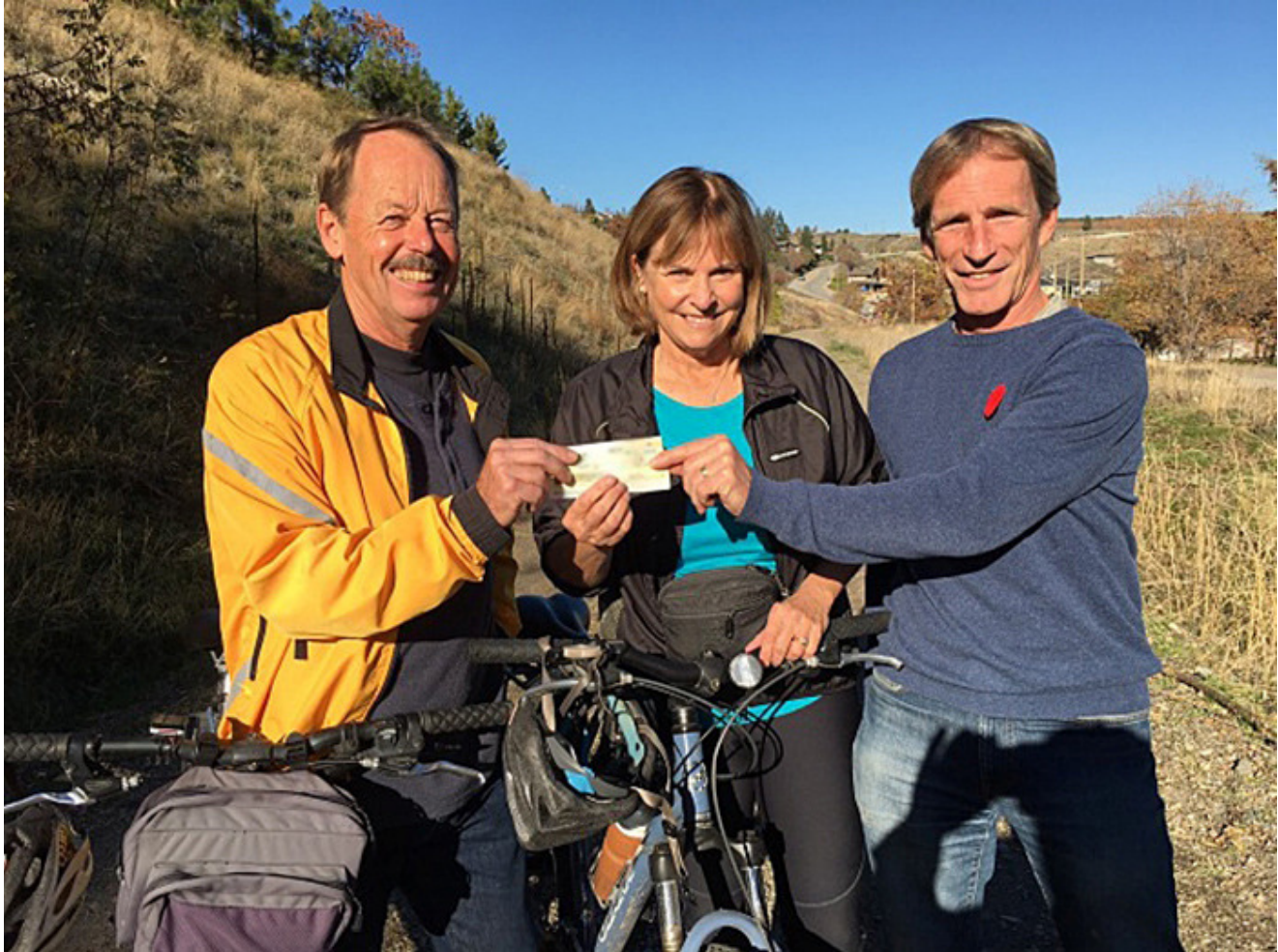


Ribbons of Green Trails Society donates to Okanagan Rail Trail



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The [Ribbons of Green Trails Society](#) of Greater Vernon has contributed \$5,000 towards development of the [Okanagan Rail Trail](#), with the hope that other Okanagan recreation users and groups will do the same.

With the tremendous potential of the trail, and the fact that hundreds of walkers and cyclists are already using the undeveloped route each day, the Ribbons of Green Trails Society put the rail trail as a priority for funding.

"It has been great to see so many people enjoying the route, including all ages and all abilities from experienced cyclists and joggers to families," said Dave Smith, Ribbons of Green Trails Society director.

"Recreation users are so positive about this new public greenspace. As trail planners, society directors know what it will take to build a trail that is safe, environmentally friendly, and that will last for future generations."

Connecting the rail trail to the community is also important, and the Ribbons of Green Society is working with local governments to create a safe linkage into Vernon.

Bob Fleming, chair of the Regional District of North Okanagan, thanked the Ribbons of Green Trails Society for their generous donation.

"The trail will provide the opportunity to ride in a safe environment without traffic and while enjoying world-class views," said Fleming.

"It provides a place to get fit and stay fit. The rail trail has huge potential for local residents and guests, and will be heavily used.

"As funds are raised, action items for trail development will be implemented in sequence, and in coordination with other communities along the route."

Donations can be made online at: www.okanaganrailtrail.ca or at the Community Foundation of North Okanagan or Central Okanagan Foundation.

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