Kinsol rehab work well underway

The Cowichan Valley Citizen September 24, 2010

Work has been underway since July at the site of the Kinsol Trestle.

To date, the core rehabilitation work has included removing the old and damaged "bents," which are the timber sections that make up the Trestle. There are 46 in total and 17 of them are going to be rebuilt substantially.

The construction photos here were taken from the south end of the Trestle and show all but two of the bents removed. Reconstruction is set to begin shortly.

The rehabilitation work will replace unsound timbers, reinforce six structural piers and build a new 614-foot walkway atop the structure for hikers, runners, cyclists and equestrians.

The rehabilitation will ensure that the historic characteristics -- the span, height and timbered design qualities -- are preserved as the original timbers get replaced due to age and deterioration.

Included in the rehabilitation work are landscaping improvements on both sides of the Trestle, a walkway down into the Koksilah River canyon to view the Trestle from below, and an information kiosk that will display the proud story of the Trestle, as well as the contributions of the donors who have made the project a reality.