Rehabilitation project continues for trestle

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The historic Kinsol Trestle rehabilitation project has achieved a milestone with the placing of the final and largest of the truss spans on the central span over the Koksilah River.

While the Kinsol Trestle rehabilitation should be completed this spring, the Save the Historic Kinsol Trestle campaign is working hard to raise the final \$275,000 needed to complete major elements of the project and ensure that all government funds available for the project are matched.

"We were very excited to reach this significant milestone in the development of this massive superstructure," said Norm Olive, manager of capital projects with the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

The installation of the trusses is a critical milestone in the Kinsol Trestle's rehabilitation, enabling a missing link in the 22,000-kilometre Trans Canada Trail to be used again. The trestle has been closed since 1979.

Completing the decking and finishing work on the non-load bearing bents are the next project objectives.

Stage III of the project will complete site amenities, such as pathways, viewing platforms, staging area improvements, linking the trestle to the Cowichan Valley Trail and completing a visitor information kiosk and donor recognition wall.

For those not able to view the work progress in person, a webcam has been set up at the construction site.

The webcam link is located at www.kinsol.ca.

The live picture is updated every 15 minutes and allows viewers to scroll back in time to watch the progress.

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