



## News Release

### Coastal Link Trail Segment Completed

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ST. GEORGE – Construction was completed on the St. George portion of the growing Coastal Link Trail, connecting St. Stephen to Saint John and points beyond. The local segment adds 1.5 km of paved trail from the eastern town limits on Main Street, to Riverview Avenue, via the old railway line.

The St. George section of the Coastal Link Trail repurposed a decommissioned railway line South of Main Street and has created a connection to one of the community's senior care homes. From there it then connects to the existing riverfront trail which is now registered with the Trans Canada Trail network. Visitors will be able to enjoy the best of both trail types in the Town and can experience 1.5-km of a natural firm aggregate along the riverfront, and then 1.47 km of paved trail from Riverview Avenue through to the edge of town ending at Main Street. The trail also creates a connection to the J.D Irving and Ducks Unlimited Marsh Trail which winds through the protected wetland to the North of the Town, which has educational and interpretive features of the wetland biodiversity and the importance of wetlands in the ecosystem.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Friday, October 21, 2022, to celebrate the opening of the ceremony and the continuing growth of the Coastal Link Trail, with members of the not-for-profit Coastal link Trail Board, the Province, as well as the Mayor, staff and Council of the Town of St. George.

The partnerships and investments made by Trans Canada Trail, the NB Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, and Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), have made this trail project possible. Representatives from the Trans Canada Trail were unable to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony but did issue the following statement:

“Trans Canada Trail is very proud to support the St. George section of the Coastal Link Trail. We'd like to extend our sincere congratulations to our trail building partners, and we celebrate their tremendous dedication to expanding and improving their trails.

The Trans Canada Trail would not be what it is without the commitment of the local trail groups we partner with. National in scope and local in execution, Trans Canada Trail collaborates with provincial and territorial partners and over 500 local trail operators across the country, who are instrumental in the Trail's past, current and future development.”

Since the opening, residents and visitors can be found enjoying the new trail. The Town would like to thank Coastal Link Trail and its partners for their efforts and investment in our community.

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(Photos courtesy of Coastal Link Trail)