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Campbell River Indian Band & City partnership brings improvements for pedestrians

The City of Campbell River in partnership with the Campbell River Indian Band have installed more than one kilometre of new sidewalks on 16th Ave. and Highway 19A this summer.

Pedestrians can now travel on new sidewalks along the north side of 16th Ave. from Ironwood to Wal-Mart. There's also a new route along the south side of Highway 19A from Wal-Mart to Dogwood.

"This is another great example of the City's partnership with the Campbell River Indian Band along our shared boundaries. These improvements result in increased safety and security for youth, elders and commuters who use these routes on a daily basis," says Councillor Ron Kerr, City Council's First Nations liaison. *"Better access in this area comes at no additional cost to Wei Wai Kum or the City because funds were collected to support this type of infrastructure."*

Funding for the sidewalk installation in this area came from fees (Development Cost Charges) collected during the construction of Wal-Mart and Home Depot to support infrastructure improvements for the community.

"One of goals of the City's Master Transportation Plan is to improve access for pedestrians on collector and arterial roadways," says Drew Hadfield, the City's transportation manager. *"These new sidewalks also help connect the downtown area with Campbellton, a key element supported in a recent walkability assessment of the area."*

Each year, the City builds on Campbell River's sidewalk infill program throughout the community, which is paid for by development cost charges and federal Community Works funding.

Additional work completed this year includes sidewalks installed along 15th Ave. from Maple to Tamarack and along Spruce from 14th Ave. to Highway 19A.

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