

# Squamish Trails Society

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## Nature Trail Project Report

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To Cynthia Buck,

The Squamish Trails Society (STS) would like to provide a project update for the Nature Trail, which was partially funded by the grant provided by the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation's Envirofund. STS matched the grant provided by the WBF EnviroFund to hire Keith Halvorson from Landluggers Excavations to raise the trail bed over exposed roots and mud puddles and provide drainage and culverts where needed to improve the sustainability and all-weather nature of the trail. I have attached his invoice, which has been paid by STS.

At present, we are surfacing the trail with trail crush to firm up the surface and further improve the sustainability and accessibility of the trail. We expect to use 84 yd of inorganic trail crush, about six full-sized dumptrucks, spread by volunteers to top off this project. At roughly \$300 a load, our total cost for trail crush from Coast Aggregate will be approximately \$1800 making our total cost for this project \$4530. The financial support from the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation has been leveraged considerably to complete a project, which will allow trail users to connect with their environment without impacting it in a negative manner. We could not have done this without you! We greatly appreciate your financial support in the form of the grant, which initiated this project.

I've included photos showing the previous muddy nature of the trail, Keith Halvorson at work with his mini excavator and his cousin, Carl Halvorson, a volunteer and executive member of the Squamish Environment Society, crowning the sub-trail with a rake, and volunteers from STS and Pearson College topping the trail with trail crush. It was a great day out working with the young people from Pearson College and exemplifies the manner in which trails bring people together while allowing them to simultaneously connect with nature. The social, ecological, economical and health benefits of trails is immense. Thanks for your contribution!

We've posted signs at the trail-head and on our website acknowledging the contribution from Vail resorts and the WBF EnviroFund. When the project is complete, we'll send a press release to our local papers and media centres further recognizing the support of Vail Resorts and Whistler Blackcomb Foundation. It is truly amazing and inspiring the breadth of great work supported throughout the Sea to Sky Corridor by your organization.

Together on Trails,

Matt Parker  
Squamish Trails Society President