



# New Pathways to Gold

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eNewsletter**

## JCP Project making the difference in the GR/ST Corridor



The Jobs Creation Partnership (JCP) Project is making the difference in the Gold Rush/Spirit Trails Corridor. The \$400,000 initiative is providing employment and skills training for five participants in the Cariboo.

The project marked two milestones this summer. In July, MLA

Donna Barnett (Cariboo-Chilcotin) was among those who attended an event at the Sitka Log Homes site in 108 Mile marking the completion of a log structure to be installed at Canim Lake.

MLA Jackie Tegart (Fraser-Nicola) joined Barnett, NPTGS Secretary Brent Rutherford, Director Roy Christopher and several First Nations representatives at an event at the Ice Caves at Bridge Lake in September. Participants got a preview of the beautiful Indigenous art that will greet visitors when the site is completed.

NPTGS is a proud partner in this exciting project. The other project partners are the Fishing Highway 24 Tourist Association, Canim Lake First Nation, Gold Rush Snowmobile Trail Regional Management Committee, Government of B.C. and Government of Canada.

For more information, visit the NPTGS [website](#).

## Xat'sull/ Soda "Crazy Ant" Trail Grand Opening showcases new Cariboo recreational gem



The "Crazy Ant" Trail at Xat'sull / Soda Creek is being hailed as recreation gem and new source for Cariboo adventures. NPTGS First Nations Co-chair Cheryl Chapman and Secretary Brent Rutherford were present at the multi-purpose trail's opening on August 17. They were part of a big crowd at the ribbon cutting in Soda Creek.

This project in the traditional territory of the Secwepemc People is a partnership between the Xat'sull First Nation, NPTGS and the Northern Development Initiative Trust. Phase Two of the trail is currently in development. For more information on the trail, check out the NPTGS [website](#).

## NPTGS, FraserFEST fete Elders & rafters at Tuckkwiowhum



NPTGS and FraserFEST teamed up this fall to celebrate the Fraser River and promote First Nations reconciliation and sustainable economic development in the Gold Rush/Spirit Trails corridor.

A jointly-funded rafting trip between Lytton and Yale saw participants (including members of several corridor

First Nations) experience the incredible river landscape and share stories and insights about its history.

A highlight of the two-day event saw 35 people attend a salmon feast at Tuckkwiowhum Village where they heard speeches from MP Fin Donnelly (Port Moody-Coquitlam) and former NPTGS Co-chair Byron Spinks. They were also treated to an amazing performance by First Nations dancers.

## Crowds stroll down memory lane at Golden Miles of History Completion Celebration



NPTGS Co-chair Terry Raymond was among those taking a stroll through history during the B.C. Day long weekend at the Golden Miles of History Completion celebration. People turned out to walk, jog and bike the 10 km trail.

Lillooet Mayor Margaret Lampman thanked Terry for NPTGS's contribution of \$14,000 towards the project, which also had the support and participation of the region's First Nations.

Check out the photo gallery on the Lillooet Bridge River News [Facebook page](#).

## NPTGS Briefs

### Gold Country to celebrate 25th Anniversary

Help celebrate the Gold Country Communities Society's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at their annual tourism symposium in Merritt. A formal evening to celebrate Gold Country's quarter century of tourism achievements will be held on October 23.

The symposium will also feature a Tourism Trade show October 23-24. There will also be a WorldHost Training workshop and breakout sessions at the Merritt Civic Centre. Check out the [Gold Country website](#) for more information and updates.

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### "The Boy Who Was Abandoned" wows River Festival audience



There was laughter and tears as an ancient N'lakap'amux story was brought to life in Lytton's River Festival in September. Over 250 people watched the premiere performance of "The Boy Who Was Abandoned," produced by Governor General Award-winning playwright Kevin Loring's Savage Society Company. The play is the latest production of the "Songs of the Land" project, a joint-initiative of NPTGS and Savage Society. Check out some pictures from the performance on the NPTGS Facebook [page](#).

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### Save-the-Salmon Powwow at Xat'sull Heritage Village huge hit



The Xat'sull Save-the-Salmon Traditional Pow-Wow hosted by the Xat'sull First Nation (Soda Creek Indian Band) at Xat'sull Heritage Village in September was a big success. Over 200 guests attended, including visitors from as far away as Germany and Costa Rica. This traditional celebration was coordinated by NPTGS First Nations Co-chair Cheryl Chapman. See the photo gallery on the NPTGS Facebook [page](#).

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**The New Pathways To Gold Society** is a community-based organization dedicated to continued reconciliation with First Nations, investment in B.C. heritage and economic development. NPTGS gratefully acknowledges the support of the [BC provincial government](#).

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