

Partners on the New Pathways to Gold



The 1926 Alexandra Bridge Rehabilitation Project: Connecting our ancient past to a bright future

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The 1926 Alexandra Bridge Rehabilitation Project is dedicated to restoring this icon of B.C. transportation history situated in the traditional territory of the Spuzzum First Nation on the Fraser River near the Nlaka'pamux village site of Kequeloose. The project's initial phase will see restoration work done on the bridge's two support towers, railings and other features.

We need your support!

This is a multi-year project that needs your support. If you'd like to join our campaign to preserve the 1926 Alexandra Bridge, sign up for our newsletter at newpathwaystogold.ca.

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Alexandra Bridge, 1965



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RESTORING A TRANSPORTATION ICON
IN AN ANCIENT, INDIGENOUS LANDSCAPE

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Standing on the 1926 Alexandra Bridge is like standing atop an iceberg of history. A natural west-to-east crossing point for millennia, Indigenous Peoples, fur traders, gold-rush fortune seekers, and railway workers have all used this crossing.

This graceful, elegant gateway across the Fraser River needs our help

For millennia, Indigenous people used this place to cross from the Coast to the Interior. The original Cariboo Waggon Road wooden toll-bridge was built in 1863. The 1926 highway bridge was built on the foundations of that Gold Rush era bridge and is the centerpiece of Alexandra Bridge Provincial Park, established in 1984. The bridge was decommissioned and closed to automobile traffic in 1964 after the construction of the new bridge, two kilometers downstream. The 1926 bridge needs a lot of work to restore it to its former grandeur.

Restoring the 1926 Alexandra Bridge through partnerships

Since 2009, the Spuzzum First Nation and NPTGS have worked to restore the bridge. They've built a broad coalition of partners and supporters, including the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, BC Parks, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, BC Heritage Branch, Heritageworks, Canadian National Railway, and the Fraser Valley Regional District. The project also enjoys broad public support, including the Friends of the 1926 Alexandra Bridge, among whose members is Premier John Horgan.

A restored bridge will be a world-class heritage/Indigenous Tourism attraction

The 1926 Alexandra Bridge sits at the centre of a network of Indigenous, Fur Trade and Gold Rush trails. On either side of it run two national railways. The precinct around the bridge offers multiple, unique heritage experiences. The Project Partners support the vision of the Spuzzum First Nation and other communities in realizing this rich landscape's potential. New amenities like campgrounds, restored trails, viewing points and interpretive centres are being planned for development. But it all hinges on the bridge. Which is why we need your support.

With your support, we can:

- Restore the 1926 Alexandra Bridge
- Lay the foundations for the creation of new heritage/ Indigenous Tourism assets in the surrounding precinct
- Expand B.C.'s heritage trails system
- Create a gateway that will lead all the way from Hope to Barkerville and reinvigorate the Gold Rush/Spirit Trail corridor



Thanks to our funders, initial work has begun on the 1926 Alexandra Bridge's restoration. A total of \$900,000 has been received from the Government of B.C. via the Community Economic Resilience Infrastructure Program¹ and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. The Project Partners wish to thank the agencies providing these funds.



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