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The City of Victoria  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps and Council

**Re: Continuing the Pemberton Trail Network**

I have been approached by Ken Milbrath Chair of the Pemberton/Centennial Trail Task Force regarding the Victoria portion of the trail. The Pemberton (Victoria side) and Centennial (Oak Bay side) when connected will form a beautiful walking path bridging our two communities.

Mr. Milbraith advised that one of the challenges is that there is still a gap on the Victoria side.

Oak Bay, in honour of our Centennial in 2006, signed, mapped, and renamed our portion The Centennial Trail. The trail has been a valuable addition for the entire community, including non-residents and tourists.

Next year being our country's 150th celebrations, and with the Year of Truth and Reconciliation, connecting our communities and building 'a bridge' would be a powerful symbol and statement of unity and friendship. This would be an excellent opportunity to dedicate the combined route as the Lekwungen Sesquicentennial Trail, connecting with our end at Crescent Road and at your end at the David Foster Walkway, using the existing sidewalks and paths along the waterfront.

All in all it would require a rather small investment by Victoria which would not only complete half the distance of the entire trail system, but would also honour our First Nation neighbours.

I encourage you to support this initiative. Your staff can contact Mr. Milbrath for more information.

Thank you for consideration.

Kind regards

Nils Jensen, Mayor  
District of Oak Bay

cc Ken Milbrath, Chair, Pemberton/Centennial Trail Task Force [kmilbrath@telus.net](mailto:kmilbrath@telus.net)

