

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **More Good News for Partners Creating Pathways**

Van City Saving has just informed Island Pathways their 2011 Partners Creating Pathways (PCP) project has been awarded \$5000. This is the second year running that Van City has supported Salt Spring's pathways projects. On top of this, the SSI Transportation Commission has allocated \$15,000 of this year's gas tax money to this project. This brings Islands Pathways total to about \$30,000 with a couple of grants still outstanding. "With this funding alone, we will be doing something this year. Maybe not everything we had hoped to do, but we will definitely be adding pathways to the Ganges Pathway Network." Says Jean Gelwicks.

The Ganges Pathways Network (a community vision for over 15 years) has been the project of PCP for the last three years. PCP is a successful partnership of Island Pathways, SSI Transportation Commission, PARC and T & N Club. This year we hope to add three short pathways to the network:

1. On Lower Ganges Road, from Sharp Rd. going north to Booth Canal Rd. This will bring residents safely (on a off road pathway) all the way from Booth Canal neighbourhoods into Country Grocer shopping centre.
2. On Upper Ganges Road from the end of the pathway to Churchill Road. This will allow residents in this neighbourhood to walk safely into Ganges. This will also let visitor moored near Harbour to walk safely to a community beach access and linear park off of Churchill.
3. Down Rainbow Rd. from Atkins Rd. to the swimming pool.

Island Pathways also wants to thank, once again, the Victoria Foundation, and the Salt Spring Island Foundation who have already given us grants for this worthwhile 2011 community project.

PCP will be holding a couple of work parties in the spring to prepare sites for construction. "Slowly but surely this network of pathways around Ganges is going in. Our dream is to have everyone living within walking distance of Ganges to be able to walk out their door and onto an off road pathways that takes them SAFELY in and about town." Says Zeke Blazeka (project manager). If you would like to volunteer to make this dream a reality, please call (250) 537-4859. They are also looking for donations of gravel and other pathway materials.

**Jean Gelwicks**  
**Island Pathways board member and chair of Partners Creating Pathways**