



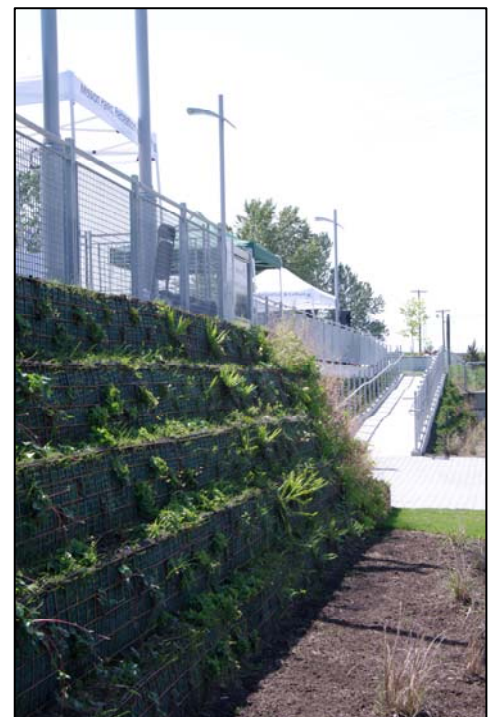
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MISSION WATERFRONT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT – On the Ground in 2010

The Experience the Fraser (ETF) project is a joint venture between the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) and Metro Vancouver and sponsored by the Government of British Columbia. The ETF plan will establish a long-term vision for a system of inter-regional trails, land and water based outdoor recreation infrastructure and cultural heritage features. The first on-the-ground phase of the project involves the development of the two “Demonstration Projects” to initiate this exciting planning vision, and provide the first short segments of the ETF recreation corridor.

The Demonstration Project in the Fraser Valley Regional District was undertaken in conjunction with the District of Mission’s Spirit Square at Jack Poole Harbourside Park. This collaborative project is a showcase of some of the ways in which successful partnerships will bring about outstanding results.

The public opening of the project on May 15th, 2010 was a great success and marked one of the first stages in Mission’s riverfront revitalization, and celebrated the first new trail segment of the Experience the Fraser project in the FVRD. A First Nation welcoming ceremony conducted by Johnny Williams of the Scowlitz First Nation (Sto:lo Tribal Council) began the event, which showcased celebrations of culture, partnership and community. A fourteen-foot sturgeon carving was unveiled with a traditional cleansing ceremony, and addresses were provided, among many others, by District of Mission Mayor and Chair of the FVRD Parks Committee James Atebe, MLA Randy Hawes (Abbotsford/Mission), MLA Marc Dalton (Mission/Maple Ridge), MP Randy Kamp (Pitt-Meadows, Maple Ridge, Mission), and Metro Vancouver Parks Committee Chair, Councillor Gayle Martin.



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