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## **Abbotsford Gets Moving with LocalMotion**

ABBOTSFORD – Abbotsford will be receiving \$1,168,235 in provincial LocalMotion funding for an expanded urban trail network providing more healthy recreational choices for local residents while helping to improve our environment, Mike de Jong, MLA Abbotsford-Mt. Lehman and John van Dongen, MLA Abbotsford-Clayburn announced today.

“I am absolutely thrilled that our community is benefiting from the LocalMotion program,” said de Jong. “The expansion will help encourage residents to get outside and to get healthy. Whether you enjoy walking, jogging or cycling this is welcome news for Abbotsford.”

This project will construct a 10 kilometre stretch of paved accessible pathway including: bridges and boardwalks, retaining walls and fencing, signs, lighting and pedestrian crossings at roadways. When construction is completed, this multi-use accessible trail will be part of a comprehensive 30+ kilometre urban trail network. The greenway will include access to Gardner, Fishtrap Creek, MacLure, Clearbrook and Exhibition Parks.

“This is a major investment in the health and well-being of local residents,” said van Dongen. “The funding will help the province to achieve its goal to lead the way in North America in healthy living and physical fitness.”

LocalMotion is providing \$40 million, over four years, for capital projects that improve physical fitness and safety, reduce air pollution and meet the diverse needs of British Columbians including seniors, young families and people with disabilities. Under the cost-share program, the Province will provide local governments with up to 50 per cent of the funding for approved projects.

LocalMotion is one of four new Green Cities programs announced by the Premier at the 2006 Union of B.C. Municipalities annual conference. These include the Towns for Tomorrow program, providing infrastructure funding for B.C.’s smaller communities, B.C. Spirit Squares, aimed at creating or enhancing outdoor public celebration spaces and the Green City Awards to recognize local governments that are leading the way in British Columbia, providing for greener, healthier communities for their citizens.

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