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"Bridge of Dreams" Footbridge, Princeton, BC



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The early 20th century timber "Bridge of Dreams" across the Tulameen River in the town of Princeton was the final link in the Kettle Valley Railroad and integral in sustaining the development of the British Columbia interior. When the span was decommissioned in the 1960s, however, the town was left with three large relics - two concrete abutments and a central pier. Recently, as part of Canada's 125th anniversary celebrations, the creation of the Trans-Canada Trail was announced, which was to involve defunct railway corridors. The Trans Canada Trail Society's local chapter partnered with the town of

Princeton in the shared vision of completing their portion of the trail with a crossing which would utilize the existing piers.

The community was actively involved in the project, as evidenced by the presence of spectators at every construction milestone. On April 15, 2010 the bridge was officially opened to the public. The celebrations included performances by the local orchestra and the temporary installation of a small steam-driven train which once again carried children and their parents across the Bridge of Dreams.