

YEAR IN REVIEW * FREE BIKE ART * SWEEPER SIGN-UP



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BICYCLE ART AVAILABLE FREE! Decorated bicycles are lined up along the roadside fence at 335 Woodland Drive. Feel welcome to pop by and pick any of them up! These were painted for the [Velo Village event hosted by Island Pathways in 2012](#) and are ready for new homes! Enjoy!



2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

This year held many great events and projects to advance safer walking and cycling pathways on Salt Spring Island. Check out the [2024 Slideshow Here](#).

The [Partners Creating Pathways Committee](#) had a productive year, with a new pathway at Brinkworthy completed in November, and plans under development for Brinkworthy Phase II, which will extend the trail to the entrance of the Brinkworthy complex. This is a great example of how Salt Spring Island collaboration works between a volunteer organization (Island Pathways), the CRD, the LCC, PARC, the CRD Director, private party land dedication, and the contractor, Sam Erk. Plans are underfoot for additional collaborative pathway construction between Kanaka Rd and Park Drive, the Swanson Rd/Lakeview Crescent Pathway, and the long anticipated extension of a pathway to Merchant Mews. The new Woodland Cliff Trail is being considered by the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club for insurance coverage and maintenance, and we have entered into discussions with Country Grocer regarding pathway improvements on their property and near the Summerside Strata. Three new benches (numbers 49, 50, and 51), built by Donald McLennan, were also installed along trails.

From a Kids Bike Park Rally & BBQ, to a youth mountain biking movie night, to adult social rides and an ebiking safety course, our [Cycling Salt Spring Committee](#) has engaged all ages. We've had fun distributing free helmets for children, selling maps, and connecting with the community at schools, the Tuesday and Saturday Markets, the Volunteer Expo, Film Fest, and Fall Fair, and offering free bike repairs at Transition Salt Spring's Repair Cafe.

The [Salish Sea Trail Working Group](#), including CRD, Islands Trust, Ministries of Transport & Tourism, and other partners convened by Island Pathways and MLA Adam Olsen, resulted in CRD Regional Parks and the Federal Active Transportation Fund developing a preliminary design for a multi-use pathway from

Fulford to Vesuvius. Regional Parks has allocated \$630,000 for design and outreach work over the next two years and millions for construction beyond that.

In 2024, the Board updated our logo, refreshed policies, and commenced a strategic plan, with a focus on connecting, building, and good health.

In 2025, please look forward to a new website, along with two exciting volunteer-driven programs. One will use our ebike-driven **Bike Lane Sweeper** clean up gravel and debris. The second is the launch of a Salt Spring chapter of **Cycling Without Age**, offering safe bike rides on our new electric Trishaw.

BOARD CHANGES

We'd like to extend deep appreciation for outgoing Board Members Natasha Kong and Michi Main and a warm welcome to our newest Board Member, Neil Barman. Bob MacKie, Wendy Webb, Steve New, Luke Campbell, Simon Rompre, Margaretha Nordine, Peter Meyer, and Naomi Tweddle carry on! Many others lead and participate in committees and special projects.



CYCLING WITHOUT AGE IS COMING TO SALT SPRING!

This summer, Island Pathways is launching Cycling Without Age, offering free, guided rides on an electric trishaw for seniors and students with mobility challenges. Trained volunteer pilots will help reconnect riders with nature and community—one ride at a time.



[Support the program: Donate today!](#)

[Get involved: Volunteer as a pilot.](#)

**SIGN-UP FOR BIKE LANE
SWEEPER DUTY**



Do you have an ebike and time to help clean the bike lanes and shoulders? Take initiative & email [Robin Jenkinson](#) to sign-up for a shift! It's easy to add a bracket to your back axle and the sweeper is ready to make cycling safer!

WINTER GOBYBIKEBC WEEK, FEB 8-14

[Register and log your ride](#) next week to be entered to win prizes like an ebike or gift cards for your local bike shop. For great tips on winter visibility, bike maintenance, and warm clothing, check out their "[Guide to Winter Riding Safety](#)".



We invite you to join us to achieve safe active transportation infrastructure on Salt Spring! Become a lifetime member, donate, & ask friends to [sign up for our newsletter](#).

♂ **Last Chance to Give & Get a 2024 Tax Receipt!** ♀

The donation deadline has been extended to Feb. 28, 2025—there's still time to support Island Pathways and invest in safer, greener transportation on Salt Spring!

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