

**Site Name:**

KVR Right of Way

Alternate Name: CPR Right of Way, KVR Rail Bed, CPR Rail Bed

**Physical Address:**

**RDOSCHR010**

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**Description of Site:**

This site consists of a raised rail bed right of way which passes south from the point Vaseux Lake drains into the Okanagan River through Area C to the southern boundary at Road 22. The right of way is variously identified as District Plan A423, 13.7 A 429, pl 1957, pl 1790, and pl. A1057. Portions of the right of way may be viewed at 49 degrees, 5' 9.0" N, 119 degrees, 32' 53.1" W and at 49 degrees, 8' 49.5" N, 119 degrees, 4' 29.6" W.

**Heritage Value of Site:**

**Economic:**

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**Social:**

This rail bed is prized for the value it holds as a surviving tract of land which has the potential to be a longitudinal parkway through Area C.

**Character Defining Elements:**

- The presence of a raised rail bed relative to the surrounding topography
- The recognition as an existing right of way
- Relatively undisturbed return to natural vegetation compared with surrounding areas in many locations along the length
- The function of tying together economic hub sites such as current and former packing houses
- The appearance of a portion of the right of way as a three point train turn around
- The presence of rail bridge timbers at Vaseux Lake

# BC Register of Historic Places (Mandatory)

## KVR Right of Way

Unique FPT Identifier

### LOCATION

Address #	Street	Community	Postal	Cadastral
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### DESCRIPTION

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<b>Description of boundaries</b>	Oliver Rural
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#### Functional Type

#### Contributing Resources

Type	Era	#	Type
Pedestrian Way	Current	1	Landscape(s) or Landscape Feature(s)
Station or Other Rail Facility	Historic		

### FORMAL RECOGNITION

Statute	Enactment	Date
Community Heritage Register	B185/09A	March 19, 2

### COMMENTS and INFORMATION (not used by registrar)