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Abbeyfield House Creek Restoration

Restoration work has finally begun at Abbeyfield House. The western bank of Vernon creek running beside Abbeyfield House suffered erosion for the first time in spring 2017, resulting in the fence being undermined. The rear corner of the property was also flooded. High water levels in spring 2018 resulted in more erosion and again in spring of this year. After numerous fundraising efforts with the help of Silver Star Rotary and the Vernon Lions Club, several generous donations from friends and supporters of Abbeyfield, and grants from the Kalamalka Rotary Club, Armstrong Regional Coop, Abbeyfield B.C. Trust, the B.C. Legion Foundation, the Royal Bank Foundation, Vernon Alliance Church, and the McLean Foundation, the Society has raised enough funds to complete the now much-needed restoration work. The Society is extremely grateful for the support it has received from these organizations and from the community to make this possible.

The project team comprises Ecoscape Environmental Consultants who have been hired to ensure that the stabilization work along the creek bank is conducted in compliance with all required environmental regulations, and Bear Paw Construction will carry out the restoration work on the creek bank and will install a berm to raise the ground level in the rear corner.

Abbeyfield's neighbour Vernon Restholm sustained similar damage to the creek bank on their property as well. The two societies have partnered together to have the work undertaken on both properties concurrently by the same team. Work is well underway and it is expected to be completed within the coming week and comfortably within the available window for work in or around a stream which closes mid-September.

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