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## Get set to hike or bike for housing!

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They did it then and they'll do it again! Eighteen years ago an epic 233 km walk-a-thon raised \$25,000 to help build Passmore Lodge. Now they plan to do the same for seniors' housing in the Village of Slocan. For three days, from September 30 through October 2, volunteers will hike or bike on the Slocan Valley Heritage Rail Trail with all funds going to help build 12 units of affordable rental seniors' housing in the heart of the village.

At least one of the original hikers, Lydia Kania, who was 72 then and 91 now, is already in training with the help of a walking stick carved by Don Munro, another of the early trekkers.

Organizers plan a great send-off for participants and community celebrations to welcome them at the end of each day's route. For more

information or to get involved, email [ritamoir@columbiawireless.ca](mailto:ritamoir@columbiawireless.ca).

Pledge sheets, brochures and many more details will be available

soon! Everyone is welcome to join in, raise funds and be part

of another epic Valley event. It's gonna be fun!



The big white banner is pure vintage: retrieved from the Passmore Lodge attic, it was changed from the 1998 Take-a-Hike dates to reflect the Hike and Bike dates for 2016. Set for the 2016 challenge are Slocan Valley Seniors' Housing Society board members Penny Tees (with Rudy, the dog), Lynnda Moore, and Lydia Kania, who covered every step of the 10-day route in 1998; Slocan councillors Jean Patterson and Madeleine Perriere; Corky Evans (who hopes to keep up with Lydia); Slocan Fitness Club members Ruby Powers and Michelle Morelli; special guest Betty Windsor (in understated crown, British hiking tweeds, and handbag), Village CAO Michelle Gordon; and star athlete and housing society board member Don Currie, ready to rev up the community for the special event of the autumn!