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New osprey camera ready to go

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Visitors and residents continue to be fascinated by the ospreys and their nest on the Old Bridge.

The Lillooet Naturalist Society has its fingers crossed that its next attempt to install an osprey web cam on the Old Fraser River Bridge will be successful.

After two years of frustration, the Society hopes to install a new web cam on the bridge on the Mar. 21 weekend.

Scott Bodaly told the News the previous camera, which failed, "was not our first choice" and hopes are high for the latest installation.

He said the society has received great support from Daniel Mundall and Robert Richards of LyttonNet, who have donated a new camera to the cause and contributed an "amazing amount of technical assistance." The society has also added a new solar panel to increase the capacity of the camera system.

However, the new system will not be live streaming video from the osprey nest. Instead, it will be constantly updating new images of the ospreys and their chicks.

"Live streaming requires deeper pockets and bigger servers than we have," said Bodaly.

The society continues to rely on volunteers such as Bodaly and Scott Hudson.

Devon Grossler, who in the past has climbed the Old Bridge structure to install the camera, has moved from Lillooet, so a new volunteer will be joining the effort to install the camera.

Kevin Aitken is an experienced climber and has volunteered to climb the bridge and install the new camera.

If all goes well, the new camera should be online in early April.

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