

Lengthy cycle ending

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Dave Procter may not want his Coast to Coast for Cancer bike ride to end — but as of tomorrow, he's simply run out of land.

"I don't want to stop," said the local Re/Max real estate agent, who set off on the fundraising ride a few months ago. "I'm totally depressed now because it's over."

That was the feeling earlier this week while he was in Charlottetown, PEI. He was taking a day off Monday before riding to Woods Island to ferry back to Nova Scotia — accompanied by his partner Leah Reichelt, who's driven the motorhome alongside him for the journey. Thursday, he'll head to Mount Pleasant and dip a wheel in the Atlantic Ocean.

Just getting to the Maritimes has been an emotional experience for Procter, who's now planning his grand re-entry to the Comox Valley.



DAVE PROCTER takes a breather somewhere in New Brunswick.

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"It was just like — I made it," said Procter. "I've enjoyed this so much, to me, it's a lot of fun doing it."

The time has come, though, to return to the Valley — and Procter hopes to make it a special grand entrance when he arrives at Comox Centre Mall on Sept. 3 at 3 p.m.

A group of people are planning to ride with him from Nanaimo to the Valley — and others are invited to join him as well, by phoning Scott Suther-

land at 334-9900 by Friday. There are other ways to welcome Procter home — like joining the cheering crowds and Island Spirit Sport Cheerleaders at the Comox mall at 3 p.m. Monday.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The riders' arrival will be followed by a cheque presentation to the B.C. Cancer Foundation.

For more information on Procter or the ride, visit www.coasttocoast-forcancer.ca.