

Q & A: Big Rock Boat Ramp Upgrade Project

In May 2017, construction is scheduled to start on the Big Rock Boat Ramp Upgrade Project. The following questions and answers are intended to provide an overview of the project.

1. What is the project?

Work under this project includes upgrades to the Big Rock Boat Ramp which is currently a free public use facility for recreational boaters in Campbell River. Plans to improve the boat ramp and McCallum Park were developed through public consultation.

The new design focuses on improving safety and ramp use for boaters and anglers. An extended and upgraded boat ramp will improve traction and water access for boats and trailers (up to 20 feet long) during lowest tides. Breakwater improvements will reduce wave action in the launch area, and associated boat ramp maintenance requirements. The project also features picnic tables, landscaping, washrooms, parking upgrades and improved beach access to increase enjoyment of the park and waterfront scenery for the community and for visitors.

2. Where is the project?

The Big Rock Boat Ramp is located at 985 South Island Highway and McCallum Park is the adjacent property to the south.

3. When is the construction work going to take place?

To accommodate construction, we anticipate the site will be temporarily closed from May through October 2017. Boat launch facilities are available at Discovery Harbour Marina and Ken Forde Boat Ramp.

4. What is the cost of the project?

The final cost of the project will be known once the project is successfully tendered. City Council recently approved \$655,000 in 2017 and a further \$445,000 in 2018 during 2017 budget deliberations, allocated from Parks Capital, Capital Lending and the Community Works Fund (Federal Gas Tax Funding).

5. Who has been involved in developing the plans?

Lanarc Consultants Ltd. prepared a South Island Highway (19A) Conceptual Design Phase 2 in June 2005, which included the boat ramp upgrades. Outlook Engineering and Landscape Architecture prepared a preliminary design report in 2013 and has now been engaged to complete the design and support the construction activities.

6. Who will be constructing the work?

The construction contract will be publically tendered in March 2017.

7. How will traffic be managed during construction?

Traffic management during construction will be the responsibility of the contractor doing the work. It is anticipated that the construction activities will be limited to the shoulder and Seawalk side of the roadway and that two lanes of traffic will be maintained over most of the construction period. Pedestrian traffic on the Seawalk will be provided safe access past the construction site.



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