

Q & A: Big Rock Boat Ramp Upgrade Project

The following questions and answers are intended to provide an overview of the project.

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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 is currently limited to improvements to the ramp and launch facilities which will see modifications to the project scope for Phase 1 works. This includes floating ramps and exploring the feasibility of a fish cleaning station.

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?

Construction of Phase 1 in-water works has been deferred to 2018 while the upland surface works Phase 2 are being coordinated and considered for completion as part of the recently announced Highway 19A project. This will allow for coordination of activities related to both projects and will minimize the duration that the boat ramp is unavailable for public use.

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 approved \$655,000 in 2017 and a further \$445,000 in 2018, 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 detailed design and support the construction activities.

6. Who will be constructing the work?

The tender for construction will be posted in early 2018.



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