

Q & A: Robert Ostler Park Restoration Project

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

1. What is the project?

A key element in the Ostler Park redevelopment plan was a pocket beach, which would connect people to the water and protect the shoreline from erosion by slowing down the cumulative effect of sea level rise and the power of severe winter storms. While it originally looked like this could be achieved with minimal change to the existing footprint of the park, a detailed study reveals that, due to the park's relatively low elevation, we would need to build a natural beach that cuts farther into the park than originally planned.

While a revised design plan is in development, the City will use some of the already-budgeted Ostler Park project funding for a short-term repair on the existing riprap (armouring with large boulders) along the shore to minimize storm damage to the seawalk, park furniture and plantings. Riprap or armouring the shoreline is a commonly used method for protecting the foreshore from the ocean environment and is the current method used for protecting City infrastructure at this location.

2. Where is the project?

The project is located at Robert Ostler Park adjacent to the existing Long House structure south of the BC Ferries Terminal.

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

Repair of the localized damaged rip rap begins January 30th to February 3rd, 2017.

4. What is the cost of the project?

The project budget was originally approved by City Council at \$1.239m; however, the \$839,000 originally budgeted for 2017 will be considered by Council for re-allocation to other priority projects during 2017 financial planning. Funding is being provided by the Community Works Fund, Parks Reserve and Facilities Reserve.

5. Who has been involved in developing the plans?

The design team is made up of McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd., Great Pacific Engineering and Environment and JPH Consultants Inc.

6. Who will be constructing the work?

The rip rap repair will be completed by A. Wood Bulldozing Ltd.

7. How will traffic be managed during construction?

Work vehicles will access the site from the parking lot adjacent to the longhouse. Temporary pedestrian detour signage will be posted around the work zone during the repairs.



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