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Final touches for Seawalk along Roberts Reach underway with COVID-19 safety precautions

City crews are working according to COVID-19 health and safety directives while putting finishing touches on additional features along Campbell River's seawalk at Roberts Reach.

Parks and roads employees were wearing extra safety gear last week while pouring concrete for a viewing stop along the pathway on the 3.5-acre property downtown at 1800 Roberts Reach. The concrete in the viewing stop is tinted and stamped to represent beach sand rippled by waves. It's a sizeable space, and required 90 cubic metres of concrete, one the largest single pours of concrete ever done by the crew.

"Work looks different for City employees these days. This is an example of projects continuing while following all provincial public health orders. You might notice fewer employees in each vehicle, and those who can't maintain a two-metre distance from each other while working are wearing protective face coverings such as respirators and masks," says Drew Hadfield, the City's director of operations. *"Across all City departments, we're advancing programs and projects where we can do so safely. We thank everyone for their patience as we take the time necessary to modify our work practices with public health in mind."*

In the coming weeks, crews will install a bronze Rotary medallion to honour the service club's major financial contribution along with benches as part of the City's legacy furniture program.

"We recognize that this furniture is extremely meaningful for the families who made donations for these benches in memory of loved ones, and we remind everyone to be mindful of the requirements for physical distancing and to avoid touching public surfaces due to the risk of spreading COVID-19," Hadfield adds.

In 2019, the City crews paved the walkway and planted trees, shrubs and flowering plants that occur naturally in the region to attract birds and insects.

Many thanks to Upland Ready Mix and Acme Concrete Pumping for organizing supply and delivery of the concrete. Staff and contractors observed all safe work procedures for COVID-19.

See a slideshow of this work under City Service Changes at www.campbellriver.ca/COVID-19.

Note: The slideshow includes images of people who are not City employees. City employees wore protective face covering during the work.

Campbell River's Seawalk now extends from Maryland Road to Dick Murphy Park.

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