

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. A floating ramp system (similar to that pictured here) 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. Phase 1 is currently limited to improvements to the ramp and launch facilities. Phase 2 includes expansion of the upland areas to improve parking and other amenities.



2. Where is the project?

The Big Rock Boat Ramp is located at 985 South Island Highway in Campbell River.

3. Who has been involved in developing the plans?

Lanarc Consultants Ltd. prepared a South Island Highway (19A) Conceptual Design in June 2005, which included conceptual plans for the site. Outlook Engineering and Landscape Architecture were engaged in 2013 and developed the ramp design through public outreach including a ramp user group. As a result of increased regulatory requirements imposed in 2017, the design team has been expanded with the team working to complete redesign by early 2018.

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

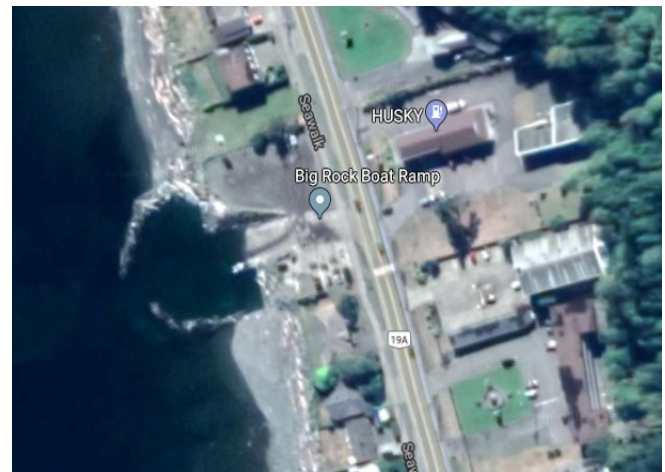
Construction of Phase 1, in-water works, will begin in June 2018 through to the end of October 2018. Phase 2, surface works, are being coordinated and considered for completion as part of the recently announced Highway 19A Phase 3 project.

5. Who will be constructing the work?

The tender for Phase 1 construction will be posted in early 2018.

6. 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 \$1.9 million, allocated from Community Works Fund (Federal Gas Tax Funding) for completion of Phase 1 works.



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