

NEWS RELEASE

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City Council approves improvements to Loudon Park

Project includes new community space, accessibility upgrades, training facility and boat storage

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is moving forward with long-awaited improvements to Loudon Park, following Council's recent approval of a revised design and budget. The project includes the construction of a new boathouse and training facility for the Long Lake Flat Water Training Society, as well as several upgrades that enhance public use, accessibility and environmental stewardship.

Key features of the project include:

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A multipurpose community room that can be booked by the public, boat storage and athlete training space

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Fully accessible washrooms and changerooms for park users

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Replacement of the existing playground with inclusive play equipment and improved fall protection

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Improved and accessible waterfront access

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Tree replacement and replanting in accordance with the City's Management and Protection of Trees Bylaw

Public engagement on park improvements dates back to 2009–2010, with a refined design first introduced in 2019 and updated following community feedback in 2021. The plan approved by Council reflects this input and includes adjustments to ensure it meets both current needs and long-term goals.

Full project details and timelines are available at: www.nanaimo.ca/your-government/projects/loudon-park-improvements

Strategic Link: Maintaining and growing services now and for the future.

Key Points

- On April 7, 2025, City Council approved the funding to build a single-storey building in Loudon Park that features a 150 square metre multipurpose room for public use, boat storage, training facility, accessible washrooms and changerooms.
- Tree replacement will be in accordance with the City's Management and Protection of Trees Bylaw.
- Public engagement on park improvements dates back to 2009–2010, with a refined design first introduced in 2019 and updated following community feedback in 2021.

Quotes

"This is a much-needed project that has been discussed at Council and in the community for more than two decades. It is about creating a more inclusive, accessible and environmentally mindful space—one that reflects the needs of club and recreational users and the broader community, now and into the future."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- The existing washroom at Loudon Park was built in 1967.
- In 1987, the building was modified to make room for the Nanaimo Canoe & Kayak Club.
- A trailer acting as the home for the Nanaimo Rowing Club was added in 1992.
- In 2007, the first improvement plan for the park was adopted by Nanaimo City Council.

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