

NEWS RELEASE

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New accessible, universal washrooms at Neck Point Park now open

Summary

Visitors to the City of Nanaimo's Neck Point Park will notice a new building has sprouted up. A universal washroom facility is now open. The new facility is completely accessible and features two separate universal washrooms and two outdoor changing spaces with showers.

The building is located in the parking lot of the park and fits in well with the natural setting, featuring a green roof system.

A new hard surface path and landscaping complete the project.

Strategic Link: This project contributes to the livability of our city and the well-being of our residents

Key Points

- A universal washroom is a washroom that is accessible to everyone. The non-gendered space has a variety of different options for people with disabilities, including wheelchair users, visually impaired individuals, and those who are unsteady on their feet.
- Staff plan to investigate and improve accessibility features within the park by adding a beach access mat to Finn beach in the future.
- The washroom is in a handy location for those needing to make an accessible stop when driving in the Hammond Bay area.
- The total budget for the washroom project is \$510,000.

Quotes

"The purpose of this washroom is to make sure that everyone has access to facilities that they need, without having to worry about not being able to use the bathroom because of their physical ability, gender or any other factors. I am very pleased that our park users have access to this excellent facility at Neck Point Park, one of our premier natural destination parks."

Leonard Krog
Mayor of Nanaimo
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- Neck Point Park is a destination waterfront park for Nanaimo and the region. The Park is well known in the community for its historic, scenic and natural features. Additional land was acquired in 2009 and the park now provides visitors with 36 acres of a waterfront setting to explore.
- Visitors will find rugged rock cliffs, pebble bay beaches, and winding trails through Garry Oak groves. The park is a great location for photographers wanting to capture the essence of Nanaimo and the west coast lifestyle.

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