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IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR THE QUEEN CHARLOTTE BOAT LAUNCH

The Village of Queen Charlotte will begin upgrading the boat launch ramp this spring thanks to funding from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) \$250,000, Gwaii Trust \$120,000, and the UBCM Gas Tax \$120,000. The project will have two phases. Phase 1 will repair the ramp armoring, build a barrier berm/breakwater, install floating ramps, and improve drainage.



The boat ramp in question provides the link between land and water for the entire south island and beyond. By increasing the safety and functionality of the infrastructure, the project will enhance and increase recreational activities available to residents and visitors.

Phase 2 of the project will require \$80,000 in additional funding to pave the boat launch ramp and parking area. This phase will be dependent on other paving on island due to mobilization costs, but is anticipated to be completed for the summer of 2016. Combining both phases, the project is expected to be approximately \$570,000 and represents a significant investment.

“Fundamentally, the boat launch provides critical transportation, tourism and recreation infrastructure supporting access to numerous marine activities in a highly boat dependant region.” Said Mayor Martin, “Its state of disrepair needs to be addressed and the proposed enhancements will significantly improve the facility and increase regional economic activity. I couldn’t be happier to see this project moving forward and the Village appreciates the support of NDIT and Gwaii Trust.”

Once completed, the Village will be leveraging opportunities to promote boating infrastructure in the area and expand on marine tourism through organizations such as the BC Ocean Boating Tourism organization.

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