

BACKGROUNDER

Comox Marina Updates & Improvements

General Overview of Grant Program:

The Town has received funding from the Provincial Government in the amount of \$519,162 to support improvements to the Town's Marina that will support increased economic development growth, tourism opportunities and related marine industry growth and expansion overtime.

REDIP Grants are strictly focused on supporting economic development. The Town has received funding within the Diversification Stream which aims to fund the implementation of programs or services, or the construction of infrastructure resulting in new, upgraded or preserved local asset(s). The Town will also contribute to the project over the current and future budget years. Projects must start no later than January 31, 2026, with completion no later than March 31, 2027

Intended Outcome of the Project:

- Creation of new floating commercial buildings for the marine industry;
- Additional boardwalk and docks;
- Realignment of moorage to support short- and long-term moorage;
- Reduce wait lists
- Create 4-6 local marine contractors, 6-8 jobs created;
- Increased Environmental oversight and monitoring.

Potential Improvement Components:

- a. New Signage on marina fingers and enabling public access to ramps during set hours.
- b. Moorage relocations (/ Ambulance, Emergency response, Sailing club, SAAR, others)
- c. Construction and installation of expanded / widening of main dock
- d. Installation of water and power lines where required
- e. Removal of 1 or both grids
- f. Connecting the boardwalk to the East
- g. New SUP/Kayak/Canoe launch
- h. Decking improvement where required
- i. Improvements to signage/seating/fish cleaning, and viewpoint beside boat ramp
- j. Realignment of existing ramp dock to middle of boat launch to increase safety & efficiency
- k. Possible new ramp connecting from existing west side piling to existing sidewalk above ramp
- l. Custom Environmental Spill response and monitoring
- m. New Marina Website including Moorage Reservations and booking Systems
- n. Consideration for future summer Moorage outside the Breakwater (TBA)
- o. Consideration of temporary summer swimming platform (TBA)
- p. Consideration of Temporary Family fishing dock (TBA)

