

Project Overview

The Colwood Waterfront Improvement Plan (WIP) is intended to provide the Colwood community with a public realm master plan for its waterfront and guide decision-making by Council and staff for 10+ years.

The final WIP will be informed by existing policies as well as public and stakeholder input. It will provide a high-level programmatic plan for the entire Colwood waterfront and public space concept designs for the study area (Fort Rodd Hill to Royal Beach) to enhance the character and recreational value of the waterfront while protecting the highly sensitive wildlife habitat and archeological resources.

The plan will, in turn, inform future detailed design and construction of new waterfront amenities, features, landscaping, and other improvements.



The WIP is informed by the OCP, the Strategic Plan, the Parks & Recreation Master Plan (including waterfront-specific engagement), Transportation Master Plan, and WCPC Reference Documents (many).



PROCESS

PHASE 1: CONTEXT & SITE ANALYSES

FEBRUARY - MARCH, 2021

The Project Team conducted analyses and developed a Needs Assessment Report and a Multidisciplinary Shoreline Assessment Report, both of which will inform the work of Phases 2-4.

PHASE 2: CONSULTATION & PRELIMINARY DESIGN

MARCH - MAY, 2021

Two rounds of community/stakeholder consultation will be undertaken: Round 1 will introduce the project and solicit initial feedback to inform preliminary design ideas. Round 2 will harvest feedback on preliminary design options developed after Round 1.

PHASE 3: PLAN DEVELOPMENT & REFINEMENT

MAY - JULY, 2021

Design concepts will be iteratively developed, tested, and refined by the Project Team based on community, stakeholder, staff, and Council feedback. Eventually, the draft WIP will be ready for Round 3 of consultation.

PHASE 4: FINAL PLAN

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER, 2021

The final WIP report will be refined back on community and staff feedback – and then presented to City Council at a public meeting.

STUDY AREA MAP

The Waterfront Improvement Plan will provide a high-level plan for the entire Colwood shoreline as well as specific public realm improvements along the 4 km long shoreline from Fort Rodd Hill to Royal Beach.

