



SUNNYBEACH CROWN LAND TENURE APPLICATION

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board support an application to the Province of British Columbia for Crown Land Tenure to proceed with shoreline restoration works at Sunnybeach Road Beach Access in Electoral Area H.

BACKGROUND

At the July 26, 2022, Regional District of Nanaimo Board meeting, the following motion was approved:

It was moved and seconded that the Sunnybeach shoreline restoration project budget be increased from \$20,000 to \$47,000 by allocating Electoral Area H Community Works Funds.

Over the 2021/2022 winter season, a king tide event caused substantial erosion along the shoreline at the Sunnybeach Road Beach Access located at 6157 Island Highway West in Electoral Area H (Attachment 1). The erosion has created a steep drop-off making it difficult for the public to safely access the beach. It also threatens park assets that were installed in 2021. To protect the shoreline from further erosion, the construction of a riprap revetment is recommended. A riprap revetment consists of layered, various sized rocks placed on a sloping bank.

The construction of the revetment requires material being installed on Crown Land, in front of the present natural boundary at the beach. This condition requires a Crown Land Tenure agreement with the Province in order to proceed with shoreline restoration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Electoral Area H 2022 Community Park Budget includes \$47,000 of Community Works Funds for this project per the July 27, 2022 resolution noted above. This amount includes contingency and will be sufficient to cover construction costs as well as a fee of \$250 for the Crown Land Tenure application.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Environmental Stewardship - Protect and acquire lands for environmental preservation and parkland.

REVIEWED BY:

- A. Gore, Acting Manager, Parks Services
- T. Moore, Acting Director of Finance
- T. Osborne, General Manager, Recreation and Parks
- D. Holmes, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS

1. Sunnybeach Road Beach Access Map