

Arbutus Point Protection Work

In December, we noted erosion at the Arbutus Point erosion protection site near the old hovercraft landing in the Parksville Community Park. Later this month, crews will add large rock fill on Arbutus Point to ensure the anchored erosion protection logs are well protected and stabilized.

In 2017, significant protection was completed at Arbutus Point. This recent damage followed storms in November and December where a combination of wave heights (recorded 2.8m at Sentry Shoal) and tide levels (recorded at Point Atkinson) caused most of this damage. Damage is considered minor and will be remedied by adding dumped rock fill or rip rap.

This work will not involve placing equipment in the foreshore or any excavation. Protection will be completed within the reduced-risk fisheries window (December 1 through February 15) with a self assessment required by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The recently amended Fisheries Act will allow the City to maintain this area.

There is no danger to the public; however, we recognize Arbutus Point is one of the well-used area in the Parksville Community Park.

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