



TOWN OF SIDNEY

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SIDNEY CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING FOR LOCHSIDE DRIVE WATERFRONT PARK

Construction is expected to commence in early August on the final stage of the Lochside Drive beautification project. What began in 2002 with a proposal to place overhead power and related lines underground will culminate in the completion of the Town's vision for an impressive gateway at the southern approach into Sidney. Estimated date for completion is mid November this year.

The project, which is valued at \$1,125,000, is partially funded with a grant from the Building Canada Stimulus Program. Upgrades to the ocean side of the road will include concrete curbs, designated parking areas and transit stops, bicycle lanes, walking trails and parkland with appropriate landscaping and historical interpretive signage. Benches and picnic tables will encourage users to stop and enjoy Sidney's spectacular waterfront vistas.

The short ceremony will be held on Thursday, July 15th at 11:30 am in an area on Lochside Drive immediately south of Tulista Park. All of the parties involved in making the Lochside Drive beautification possible will gather to celebrate and officially toast all of the hard work that has gone into making the project a reality. On hand to "break the ground" will be Gary Lunn, member of Parliament for Saanich – Gulf Islands; Murray Coell, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands; and Mayor Larry Cross.

Mayor Cross commented that "the Town is very excited to see the completion of this project which will provide an impressive southern approach into Sidney and welcome visitors to the Town, particularly those arriving at the Washington State ferry terminal from the San Juan Islands and Anacortes, Washington." Mayor Cross also noted that "the many new amenities on this spectacular stretch of Sidney's waterfront will be enjoyed tremendously by our residents as they reap the many benefits of the walking trails, bike paths and park."

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