

Summerland Kiwanis Pier - Frequently Asked Questions

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What assessments were conducted that determined the Pier was unsafe and needed to be removed?

A condition assessment report was completed on the pier in December 2022 by Riding Engineering.

What information determined that the pier required removal?

Due to accelerated deterioration of the majority of the pilings, the recommendation was made by the structural engineer to close the pier to the public. Through analysis of each individual piling, it was determined that 40 of the total 57 pilings require immediate replacement. There are several additional pilings that would require replacement in the very near future.

When will it be removed?

The District has now received approval from the Provincial Government for pier deck removal. This process was initiated by District staff on May 15th, 2023. The piles will need to be removed under a separate Provincial approval that will include mussel inventory and relocation once the water temperature reaches at least 17 degrees Celsius. At this point this is estimated to be June or July 2023, subject to contractor availability and Provincial approvals.

What is the high-level cost estimate of the Pier Removal?

Removal of the pier is roughly estimated at \$100,000, subject to any unknown factors or special environmental considerations.

What is the budget set aside for the Pier this year and what is it allocated to?

\$200,000 is allocated to the Pier for the 2023 Budget. Pier removal for approximately \$100,000 and up to \$100,000 to engage a consultant to complete 3 options for pier design and Class C cost estimates and a preliminary design.

How was it determined that the cost to replace the Pier is approximately \$1 million?

The projected cost for the removal and replacement of the pier was a high-level cost estimate from the recently completed Waterfront Concept Plan which provided a range between \$750-\$1 million. Costs will be further refined after the next level of design work has been completed.

Realistically, what is the timeline to replace the Pier?

A report will be brought to Council in June 2023 to provide 3 conceptual options for future pier replacement. The target is to have the base pier replaced by summer 2024 however it is pending Provincial approvals for rebuilding. Enhancements or expansion to the original pier construction may result in longer timelines for approvals.

The published 2022-2026 Council Strategic Priorities note the following:

- To enhance our quality of life: The Waterfront Concept Plan has identified the need to rebuild the Kiwanis pier, develop a playground at Peach Orchard Beach Park and install 4-season washrooms. Other projects will proceed as budgets permit. Pier decision (Review Costs and Options) Q2/23.

What grant did the District of Summerland apply for and what is the status?

The District submitted a grant in 2022 for Pier replacement costs of \$1,000,000 to the Destination Development Fund, through the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. Unfortunately, in February of 2023, we received the news that the grant application was not successful.

Does the District have an alternate plan for the pier if grant funding is not approved in 2023?

In April 2023, Summerland Council committed a portion of the money it received from the Growing Communities Fund for the basic replacement of the pier. The Rotary Club of Summerland is partnering with the District to engage the community and coordinate fundraising for enhancements and additional features.