

DATE: June 5, 2020**FILE:** 6120-01**TO:** Chair and Directors
Electoral Areas Services Committee**FROM:** Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative OfficerSupported by James Warren
Acting Chief Administrative
Officer*J. Warren***RE: Community Parks - Pedestrian Bridge Update****Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Electoral Areas Services Committee (EASC) of the status of the pedestrian bridge.

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:

None.

Executive Summary

The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) entered into a purchase agreement with Algonquin Bridge in October of 2017 for a modular galvanized steel-framed pedestrian bridge. This structure was being rented by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) for use as a temporary pedestrian crossing over Highway 1 during the construction of the McKenzie Interchange project near Victoria, BC. The final price of the structure is \$110,000.

The structure is 67.1 metres long (220 feet) with a clear width of 2.5 metres (8.2 feet) and has design load limits suitable to handle equestrian traffic. It has a projected lifespan of 75 years.

The structure was received by the CVRD on June 3, 2020 in assembled 20 foot sections and is being stored at the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre (CVWSC) until a plan is finalized for its permanent field placement. The bridge includes the timber decking.

Since October of 2017, the CVRD parks department has worked to secure a location for the bridge including engaging a consultant to explore placing the structure over Highway 1 as part of the Royston to Cumberland Trail. At this time, no permanent location for the bridge has been identified. Possible locations for the bridge include crossing the Tsolum River as part of the One Spot Trail or crossing the Trent River as part of the E&N trail. As options are explored in more detail, subsequent reports will be presented to the EASC.

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