



Scoter Trail Project

Public Consultation
May 21 to June 18, 2019
Discussion Guide and Feedback Form
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We want to hear from you

The District of North Saanich is working to restore Scoter Trail for everyone's enjoyment, and we want to hear from you. This public consultation is being held from May 21 to June 18, 2019. We want your input on how the trail should be restored.

This Discussion Guide provides information about trail elevation and habitat protection measures. It also includes a Feedback Form so you can provide your input on the following topics:

- Shoreline protection
- Access points
- Trail uses

There is also an opportunity for additional comments.

Provide Feedback and Learn More

- Attend a Public Open House or Small Group Meeting
- Visit a Pop-up event
- Read the Discussion Guide and complete the Feedback Form online: northsaanich.ca/scoter-trail/
- Provide a written submission or send us a completed hard copy Feedback Form:
 - › Email: admin@northsaanich.ca
 - › Mail: Attn: Corporate Services
District of North Saanich, 1620 Mills Road
North Saanich, BC, V8L 5S9

How Input Will Be Used

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Please see pages 6 to 13 for the Feedback Form, or complete it online at northsaanich.ca/scoter-trail/

Public Open House

Drop-in, no RSVP required.

Thursday, June 6

5:00 pm — 8:00 pm

District Office, 1620 Mills Rd
North Saanich

Small Group Meeting

Please register in advance by emailing admin@northsaanich.ca as space is limited.

Thursday, June 6

1:00 pm — 3:00 pm

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Pop-up Events

Meet members from our project team at any of these events.

Saturday, May 25

10:00 am — 1:00 pm

Panorama Recreation Center

Saturday, May 25

2:00 pm — 5:00 pm

Patricia Bay Park

Wednesday, June 5

12:00 pm — 4:00 pm

Deep Cove Market

Discussion Guide and Feedback Form

This document is divided into two sections:

1

The front section (pages 3 and 4 edged in blue) includes information related to the trail restoration design. This section contains topics including:

- Trail elevation
- Habitat protection

2

The back section (pages 6 to 13 edged in green) describes aspects of the trail restoration on which we are seeking feedback. These topics include:

- Shoreline protection
- Access points
- Trail uses

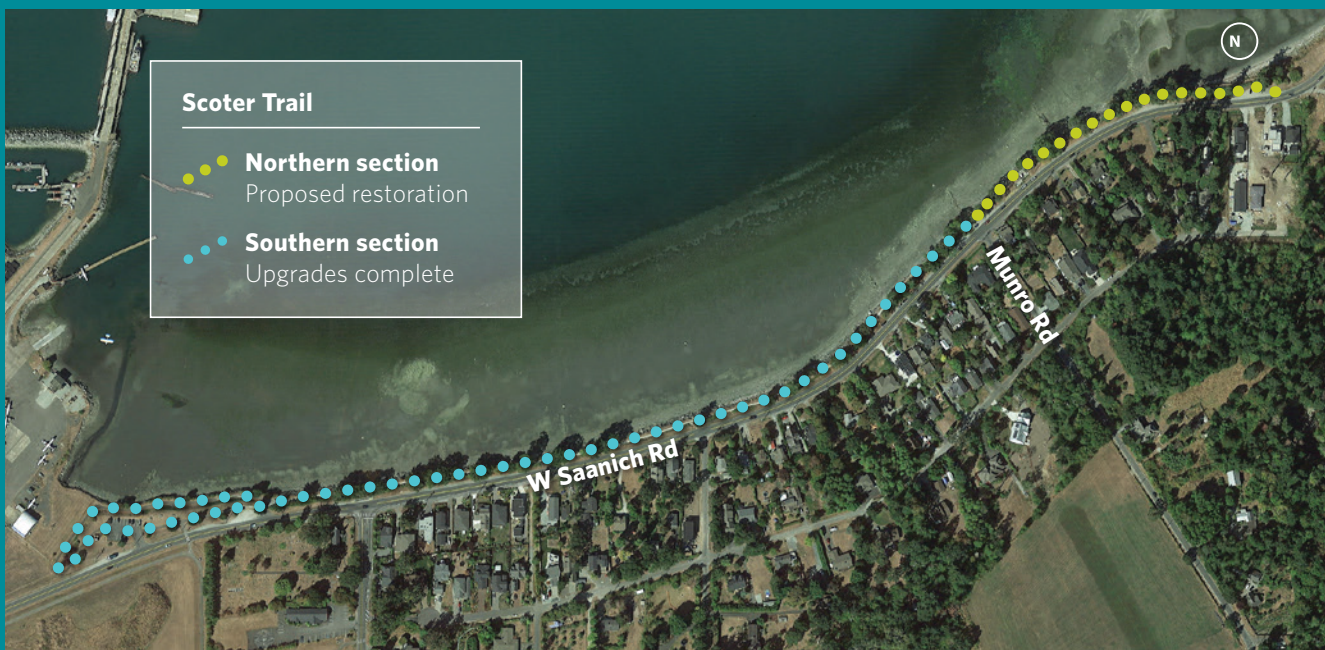
This section also includes an opportunity to provide additional comments and to sign up for information updates.

About the Scoter Trail Project

Scoter Trail is a recreational trail along the Patricia Bay shoreline in the District of North Saanich. Stretching from Patricia Bay Park in the south to Tseycum First Nation lands in the north, the trail is considered one of the most valued recreational trails within the District.

While the southern section of the trail was previously upgraded, the section of the trail north of Munro Road is in poor condition due to erosion from wave action and in need of restoration so it can be reopened to public use.

Over the summer of 2018, the District engaged Great Pacific Engineering and Environment through a competitive RFP process to assess, design, and re-construct the northern section of the trail. As a result, three design options were proposed to stabilize the shoreline and raise the trail elevation. Through this consultation, the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on these options and other factors that will influence the final project design.



Aerial view of Scoter Trail

INFORMATION

Trail Elevation

The District is not only working to restore Scoter Trail, but also to design it to be resilient against future climate change impacts. One important component of that will be raising the trail to a crest height of 4.3 metres so that it will continue to withstand rising water levels as far as the year 2050.

Currently, the trail ranges from an elevation of 2.2 to 3.2 metres. The restored trail will be built between an elevation of 4.3 to 3.7 metres with the capacity to incrementally raise erosion protection and the trail height as needed.



Habitat Protection

Great Pacific found, in its report, that the shoreline along Scoter Trail was teeming with aquatic life, such as littleneck clams, manila clams, oysters, and sand dollars.

While the options presented in the feedback form will influence how this habitat is preserved, the District is committed to preserving shoreline habitat.

The District is committed to completing this work in compliance with all applicable environmental regulations and with minimal impact on the environment and habitat as required by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.





Feedback

This section of the Discussion Guide includes information on the topics for feedback and a Feedback Form. Please provide your feedback by Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

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Background

Having completed necessary upgrades to the southern section of Scoter Trail, the District of North Saanich is now working to restore the section north of Munro Road. This section of the trail is in poor condition due to erosion from wave action and in need of restoration so it can be safely reopened to public use. As part of the project, we want your feedback on the following topics.

Feedback Form Overview:

Topic 1 – Shoreline Protection

Topic 2 – Access Points

Topic 3 – Trail Uses

Opportunity for Additional Comments

This Feedback Form can also be completed online at northsaanich.ca/scoter-trail/

Topic 1

Shoreline Protection

The District is considering three alternative trail restoration and shoreline protection concepts for the Scoter Trail Project. All three concepts will feature revetments (sloped banks) made of rip-rap, i.e. broken stones arranged on the shoreline to provide a foundation upon which the trail will be constructed, and protect it from erosion.

Aside from that, the concepts differ from one another as described below:

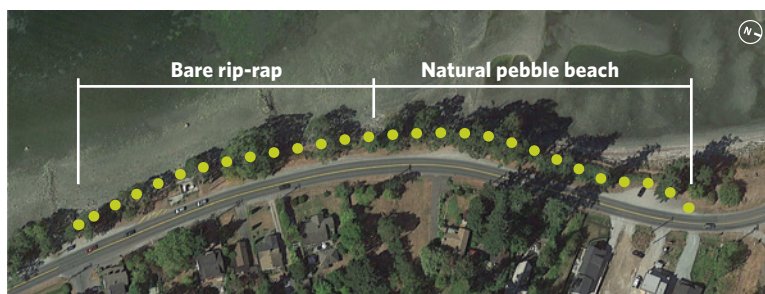
Option 1

This option provides a more natural pebble beach in the intertidal zone and promotes better ecological and recreational values. The pebble beach protects the edge of the rip-rap and creates an environment where logs could rest, plants could grow, and people could walk during higher tide conditions.



Option 2

This option provides a pebble beach similar to Option 1 along the northern portion of the project shoreline only, while the southern portion will feature bare rip-rap revetment.



Option 3

This option features a conventional rip-rap revetment along the entire length of the project shoreline, similar to the current southern shoreline between Patricia Bay Park and the Munro Road.



FEEDBACK FORM



Example of natural pebble beach and rip-rap (Option 1 and 2)



Example of bare rip-rap (Option 2 and 3)

Comparison of Options

Feature	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Description	Pebble beach along entire project shoreline	Pebble beach along north section, rip-rap along south section	Rip-rap along entire project shoreline
Construction impact	Largest – but avoids sensitive areas	Moderate – but avoids sensitive areas	Smallest – and avoids sensitive areas
Recreational value	High – beach walkable at all tides	Moderate – only northern section walkable at higher tides	Low – beach likely unwalkable
Ecological value	High – beach for logs and plants to establish	Moderate – northern beach section for logs and plants	Low – no change to current conditions
Cost	~ \$1.44 million	~ \$1.43 million	~ \$1.23 million

1. Please rank your preferred options:

(where 1 is the most preferred and 3 is the least preferred)

_____ Option 1

_____ Option 2

_____ Option 3

Please provide any comments or reasons you may have regarding your preference:

Topic 2

Access Points

Once restored, the northern section of Scoter Trail will feature two proposed trail access points:

Munro Road Access

Located at the southern end of the project shoreline, the access features concrete stairs connecting the road to the beach. Infrastructure at the access, such as handrails, the retaining wall, and stairs, will be restored to ensure it is safe for public use again.



Northern Trailhead Access

Located south of the Tseycum Reserve boundary, the access consists of a gravel path that exits to a parking pull-out off of West Saanich Road. A gradual slope connects the path to the beach and provides direct beach access, making this a suitable site for kayaks to be easily carried to the water.



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2. Please indicate your level of agreement with the proposed access points:

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Somewhat Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

Please provide any comments or reasons you may have regarding your level of agreement:

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Topic 3

Trail Uses

An important consideration in restoring Scoter Trail is ensuring that it is designed to encourage the public to make full use of the trail and enjoy the recreational opportunities available.

3. Please rank the recreational activities you would most likely use Scoter Trail for:
(where 1 is the most likely and 7 is the least likely)

- Walking
- Running
- Horse riding
- Kayaking
- Shoreline recreational fishing
- Swimming
- Boating

Please let us know if there are any other activities you would use Scoter Trail for or any suggestions of features:

Additional Comments

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Personal information collected through this Feedback Form will inform the Scoter Trail Project under the authority of sections 26 and 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information, please contact: Curt Kingsley at admin@northsaanich.ca.

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