



**Council Member Motion**  
**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 29, 2022**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** September 26, 2022  
**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt, Councillor Jeremy Loveday and Mayor Lisa Helps  
**Subject:** Arm Street Public Dock

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**BACKGROUND**

The recent expansion of the public dock at Banfield Park has demonstrated high public interest in improved access to Victoria Arm, including the Gorge and Selkirk Waterways. As the attached report prepared by the Gorge Swim Fest Society notes, swimmers and boaters all agree that the expanded dock has greatly improved access to the Gorge Waterway and has resulted in many more people being able to use the dock and experience the waterway.

Increase usage of the expanded Banfield Park dock has also renewed calls from community members and organizations for additional access to the Gorge Waterway, including at Arm Street Park. This location was identified in the report from the *Collaborative to Improve Access to the Gorge* in 2019 (see Attachment 2).

The Arm Street Park, which is located on the border of Victoria West and Esquimalt, includes a large flat picnicking area and natural areas. The park is lightly used and currently has no means to safely access the Gorge Waterway.

It is therefore recommended that Council refer the question of a City of Victoria financial contribution for the Arm Street Public Dock to the 2023 Financial Planning process.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council refer this report and the attached materials to the 2023 Financial Planning process, to allow Council to consider providing a City of Victoria financial contribution toward the capital costs of an Arm Street Public Dock.

Respectfully submitted,

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A blue ink signature of Councillor Jeremy Loveday.

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A blue ink signature of Mayor Lisa Helps.

Mayor Helps

Attachments:

1. Proposal for an Arm Street Public Dock (2022, Gorge Swim Fest Society)
2. Report of the *Collaborative to Improve Access to the Gorge* (2019)