

PROPOSED ARM STREET PARK DOCK

Proposed: Access to the Gorge Waterway at Arm Street Park.

Background: The recent expansion of the dock at Banfield Park has been a tremendous success. Swimmers and boaters all agree that it has greatly improved access to the Gorge Waterway and resulted in many more people being able to use the dock and experience what a marvelous asset the Gorge Waterway is.

Need: The increase in number of users of the Banfield Park dock has also caused a renewed call for there to be additional access points to the Gorge Waterway and more specifically at Arm Street Park. This location was identified in the report from the Collaborative to Improve Access to the Gorge. This location has great support from the local community and by people who currently use the Banfield Park dock.

Current Situation: Arm Street Park is a fabulous park with a large flat picnicking area. The park is lightly used and has no means to safely access the Gorge Waterway.

Solution/Action: It is recommended that a project be initiated, jointly by Victoria and Esquimalt councils, to explore the feasibility of a dock at Arm Street Park. A mock up of a potential ramp/dock configuration was included in the report from the Collaborative to Improve Access to the Gorge (see attached photo). A notional budget of \$200K has been proposed based upon the costs of the Banfield Park dock.

