

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Seabold stairs replacement project complete

#### Summary

Seabold stairs, a part of Seabold Rotary Park, are now open after being rebuilt. Originally constructed in the 1990s, this aging, winding staircase was damaged by a storm in 2018. Although a popular access point to some of north Nanaimo's beaches, the structure was closed after the storm damage was assessed by City staff for public safety reasons. Construction on the new set of stairs began in September.

There are 190 stairs in this staircase, and users will climb approximately 40 metres of elevation from the beach to the park. The structure was built using yellow cedar that was milled and sourced on Vancouver Island. For extra security and lifespan, the stairs sit on steel screw piles that anchor and support the stairs to the slope.

*Strategic Link:* Enhancing parks and open spaces is a great way to enhance the livability of the community for its citizens.

#### Key Points

- The Seabold Stairs are part of Seabold Rotary Park located at 6695 Seabold Drive in north Nanaimo.
- The Seabold stairs are an access point to north Nanaimo beaches and are used by residents for exercise.
- There are 190 stairs built from yellow cedar that was sourced and milled from Vancouver Island.

#### Quotes

"It is great to be able to have this popular amenity at Seabold Rotary Park back and available for Nanaimo's citizens. It's just another example of the many amazing parks and open spaces we have in this community."

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