

BACKGROUND

QUIDI VIDI PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Royal St. John's Regatta is one of the largest annual events held at Quidi Vidi Lake, attracting approximately 50,000 people to St. John's and providing a major economic boost to the region. The Quidi Vidi Park Redevelopment Project has been identified as part of the Quidi Vidi Park Master Plan, which was completed for the Royal St. John's Regatta, 200th Anniversary Committee.

The Quidi Vidi Park Redevelopment Project is cost shared between all three levels of government and totals \$2,716,000.

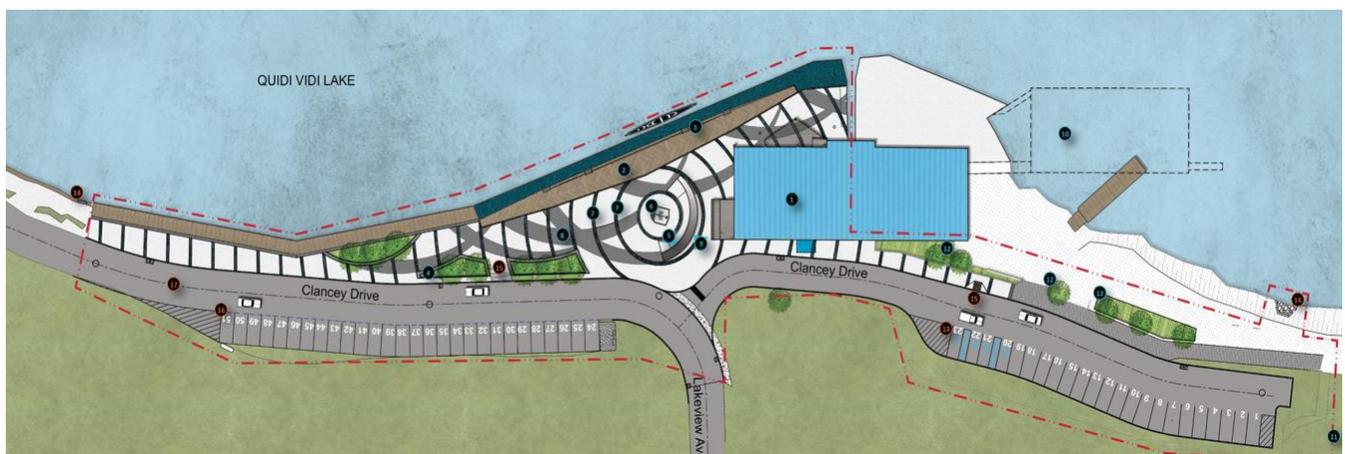
- The City of St. John's is contributing \$1,266,000
- The Government of Canada, through ACOA is contributing \$950,000
- The provincial government is contributing \$500,000

Boathouse – Public Space Redevelopment

The existing parking area at the boathouse creates a safety issue for pedestrians walking along Clancey Drive behind parked cars. Relocating parking (north side only) to the back of the Boathouse will improve pedestrian safety and reduce conflict by allowing flow through the public space. The new parking area (23 spaces in total) will include increased accessible parking.

Storm run off in the area is limited to overland flow across Clancey Drive and the wharf area, which can cause slipping hazards during periods of freeze and thaw. This project will see storm run off collected by a new storm sewer system to alleviate this issue.

The current public space has limited seating and rest stops. The redeveloped area will have increased seating incorporated into the landscape planters and wharf railing. The wharf surface will be upgraded with new coloured concrete and brick pavers, and the larger space will provide a permanent presentation area incorporating historical Regatta features.



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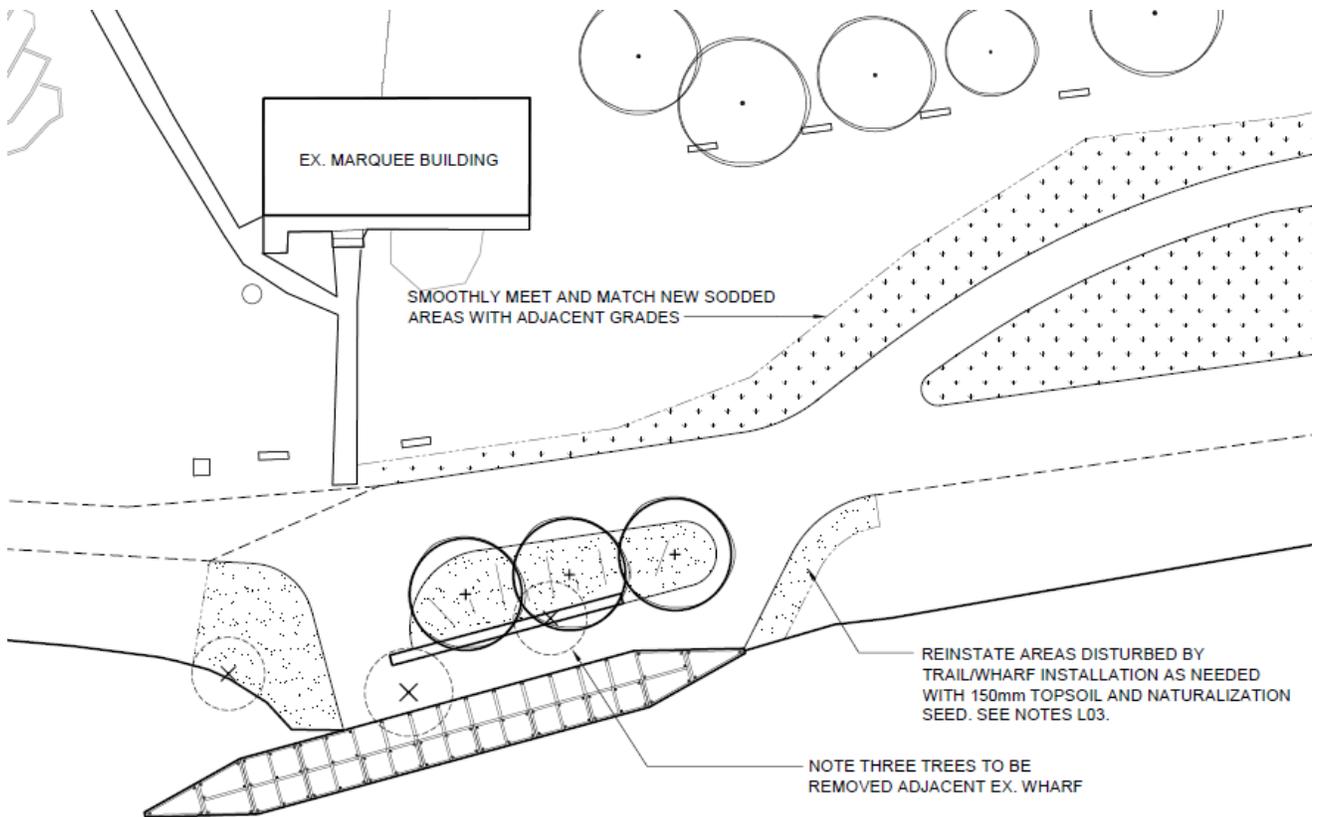
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Wharf Replacement at Marquee (near the Bandstand)

The existing wharf on the north side of the lake was constructed in the 1980's and is quickly deteriorating. The rock filled gabion basket cribbing below the water surface is settling and causing the upper wharf structure to founder.

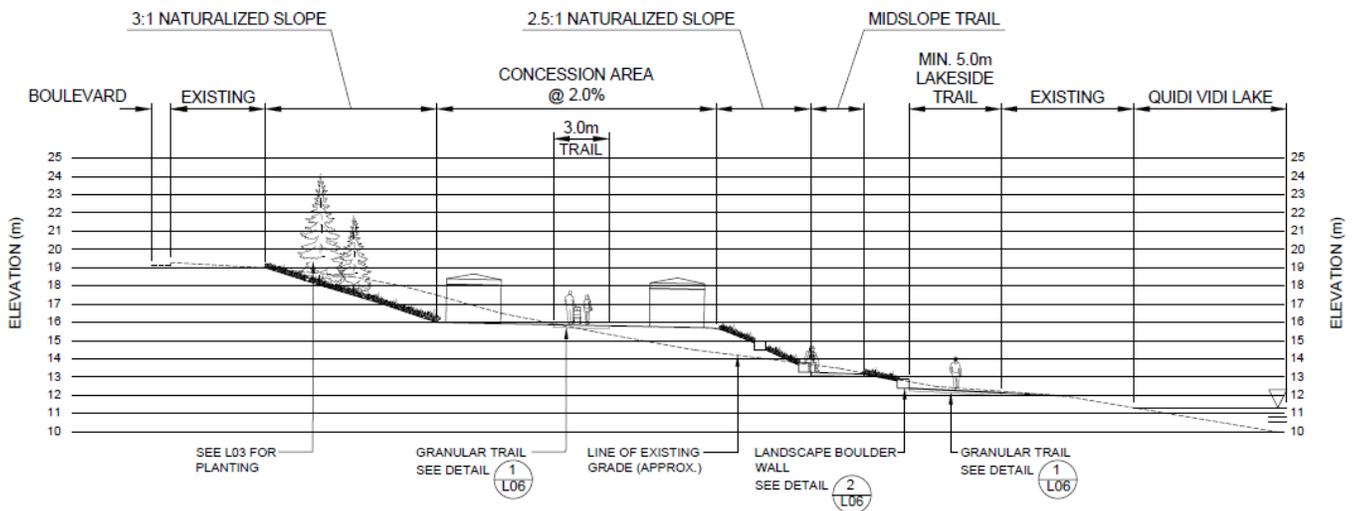
The new wharf will be constructed using marine grade timber decking and cribbing and will be built into the shoreline and angled towards the Regatta start/finishing line to allow boat docking in a safe and efficient manner. The new design is in the shape of a racing shell and can be used as a viewing area for the lake. The wharf replacement will allow for additional trail connections to the new wharf and will provide seating and public access to view lake activities. The function of the wharf will continue as its present use, supporting rowing activity on Quidi Vidi Lake for safe boat operations and access to the Marquee Building.



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Concession Area - North Bank

The existing bank area has a steep slope from the walking trail to the Boulevard resulting in limitations for public use and accessibility. Re-grading will provide a level terrace creating a more useable space for assembly purposes throughout the year and for other events. The level area will be accessible and safe for all users, particularly for concessions during the Regatta. The sloped area can be used for informal seating and the connecting mid-slope trails up the bank will meet or exceed accessibility requirements. See drawings below.



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