# Long Lake Flatwater Training Centre





## Two Clubs That Call Loudon Park Home



•Established 1988



•Established 1992

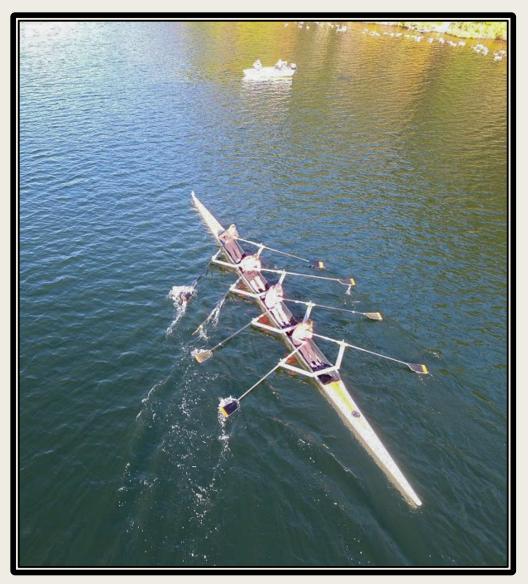
## Partners

- Two clubs that operate separately
- Volunteer-driven
- Serve the mid-island, but primarily Nanaimo and Lantzville
- Common vision to enhance and increase participation in our sports
- Idea of new joint facility has been a goal for 20 years
- Passionate about our sports
- Canadian historical significance

# Nanaimo Rowing Club

#### **Programs**

- Junior Learn to Row
- Junior Competitive
- Adult Learn to Row
- Adult Recreational
- Adult Competitive
- Summer Half Day Camps
- School Groups
- Seniors/VIU
- Adaptive Rowing





NRC Junior Eight



Fall Training on Long Lake



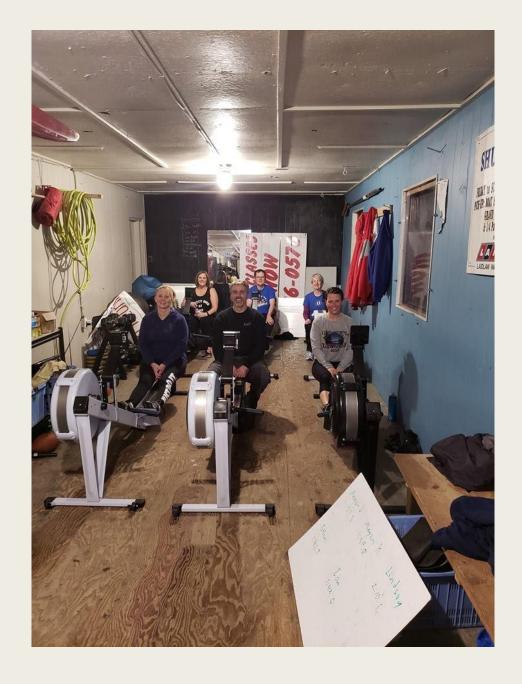
NRC Racing at Shawnigan Lake



NRC Seniors Racing at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta



Masters Learn to Row Class



Erg Spin Class!







# Nanaimo Canoe & Kayak Club

#### **Programs**

- Regional Canoe Kayak
  Training Centre for the Island
- Youth Sprint Kayak programs
- Summer Camps
- School Groups
- Vancouver Island
  University international students
- Youth with Special Needs,
  Canuck Autism Network
- Training facility for Indigenous
  Canoe Kayak Camps







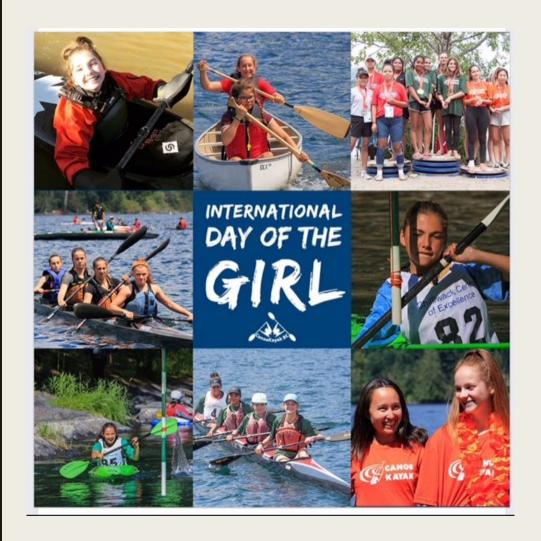
















International Student Group



NCKC and Canucks Autism Network







## Long Lake Flatwater Training Centre Society

- Formed in 2015
- Comprised of Nanaimo Canoe & Kayak Club and Nanaimo Rowing Club members
- Provides financial separation from the clubs

# Long Lake Flatwater Training Centre Society

- The purposes of the society are:
  - To develop, maintain and operate facilities to support the training and operational needs of rowing and paddling sports on Long Lake.
  - To promote rowing and paddling sports in the central Vancouver Island area.

# **Existing Structures**

#### **Washroom/Club Building**

- Originally constructed 1967
  as a Centennial project
  - Consisted of public washrooms and a covered picnic area
- Building modified to make a home for NCKC in 1987
- ATCO trailer added; became home of NRC in 1992









### **Boat Storage**

 Mainly outdoors in a chain link compound



# **Current Challenges**







Outdoors - cold, dark (often wet)



Not enough inside space

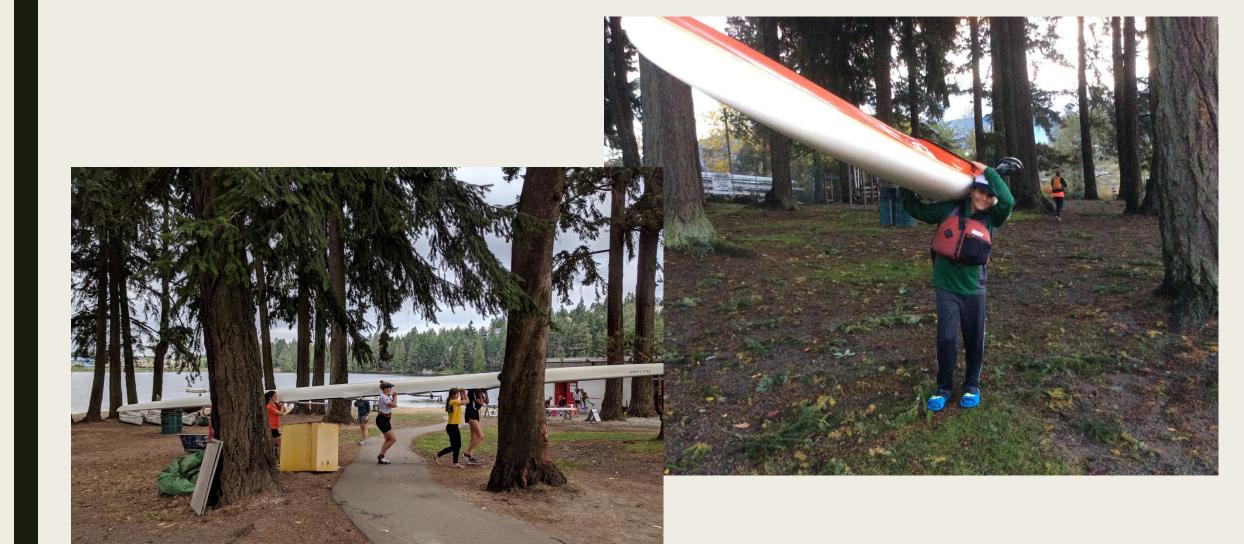


Summer camp(ing)





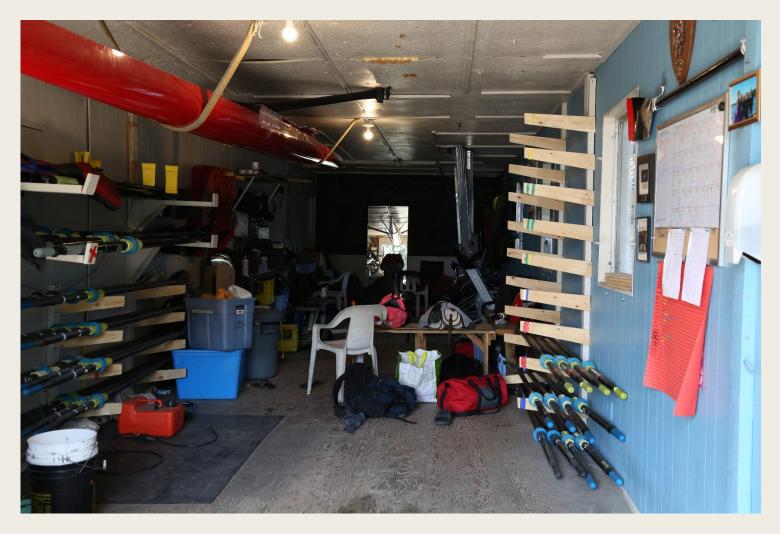
Hazards



Obstacles

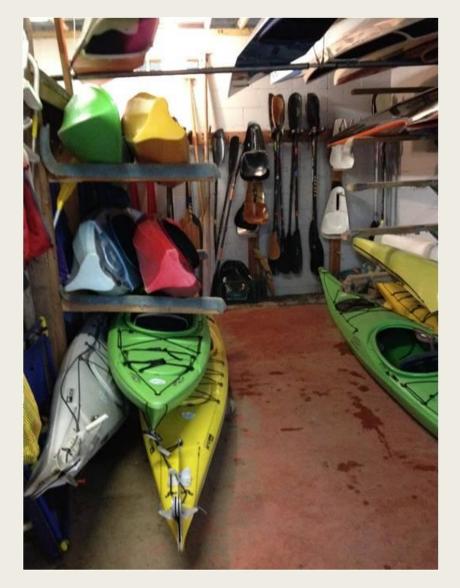


Equipment sharing with athletes



**Cramped Facilities** 





Crowded storage





Storage Challenges

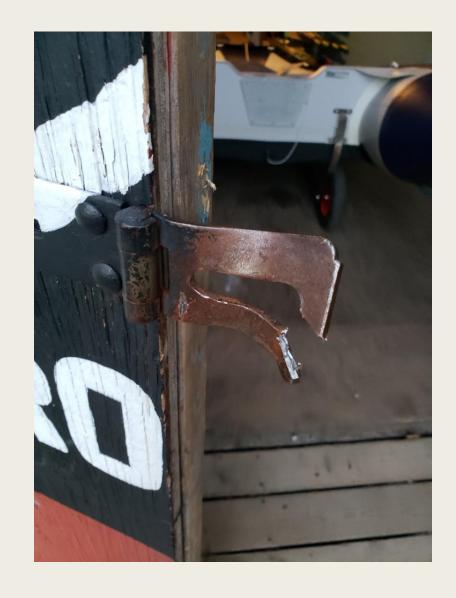


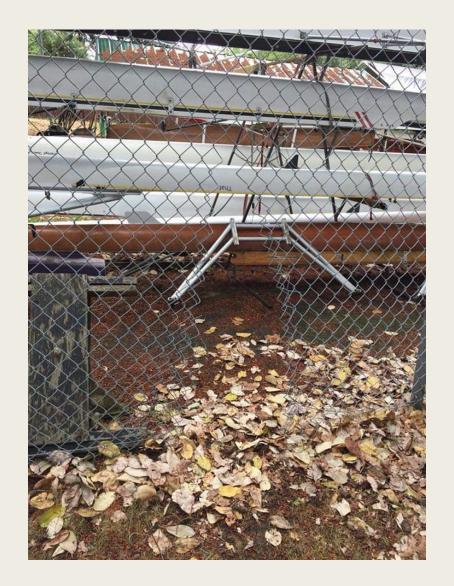


Fallen trees

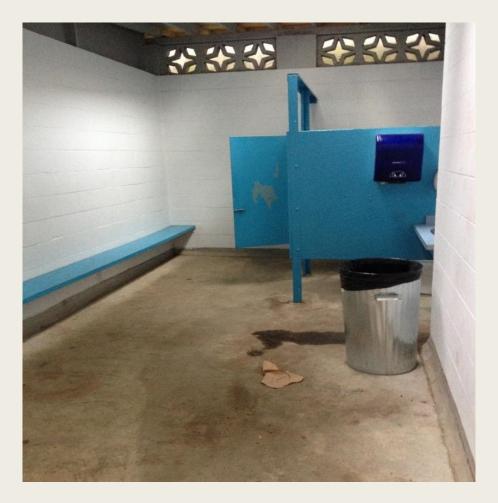


Damaged equipment



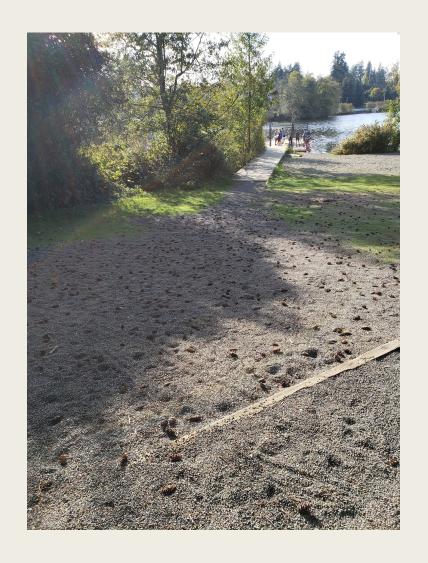


Break-ins



No Change Stalls





Non Accessible Dock

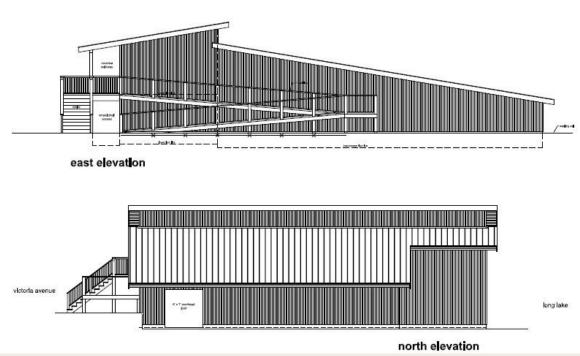
#### The Vision

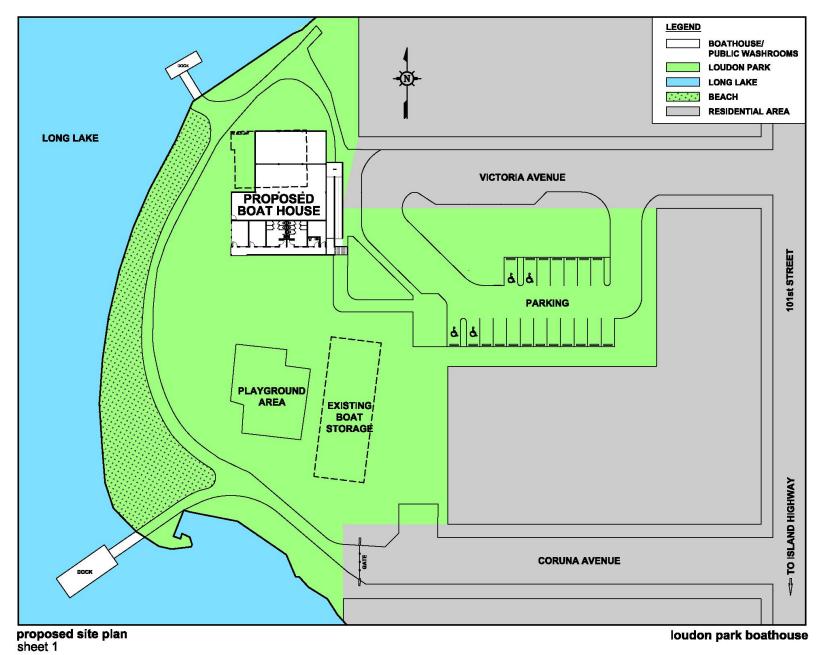
As part of the next phase in the revitalization of Loudon Park at Long Lake, plans have been developed to build the Long Lake Flatwater Training Centre Society Boathouse

 LLFTC team and City have worked with architects to develop conceptual plans

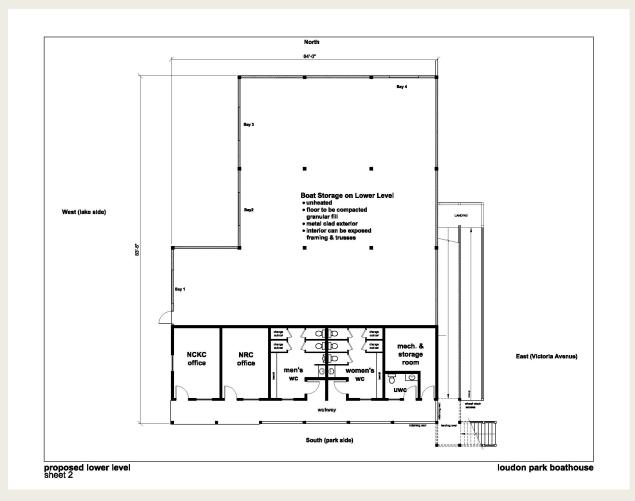
## Conceptual Drawings

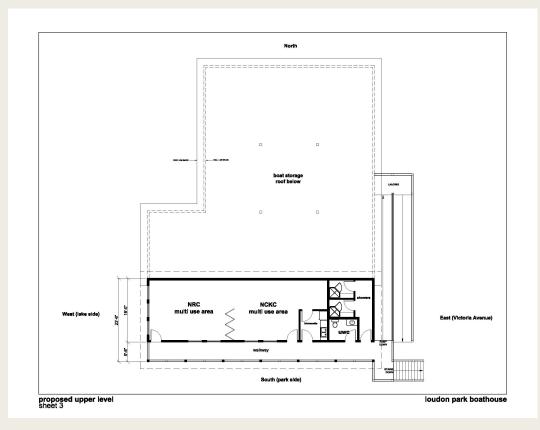






## Conceptual Floor Plan





For Community and Clubs



- Continued existence of the two clubs as active providers of recreational opportunities for the community by having the facilities needed to provide a quality experience
  - Increased access to the documented health benefits of rowing and paddling
  - Increased year-round programming to promote a healthy lifestyle, both on and off the water





#### An increase in programming through:

- Ability to operate year-round
- Improving universal access
- Increased security to reduce thefts and vandalism
- Developing a sense of community to attract and retain members
- Expanded, secure, weatherproof storage
- Provides a focal location to bring like-minded people together



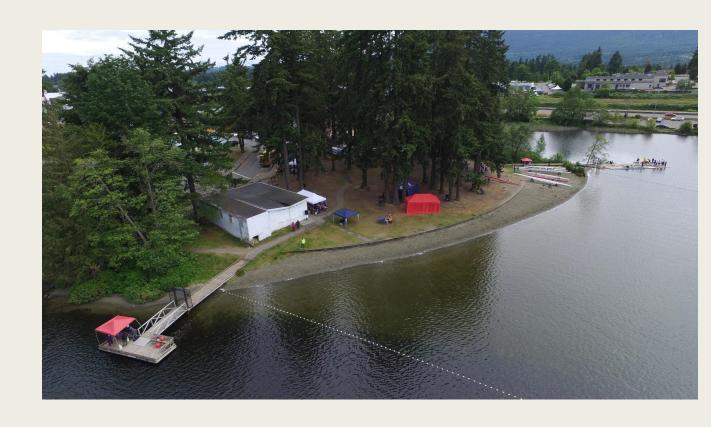
#### **Enhanced programming for Youth**

- Schools, clubs, and other community groups
- Safe, inviting and comfortable
- Sense of community and belonging
- Quality and safety of programs



# A recognized training and racing destination for paddling and rowing

- Hosting of sanctioned, competitive events
- Economic benefit to Nanaimo



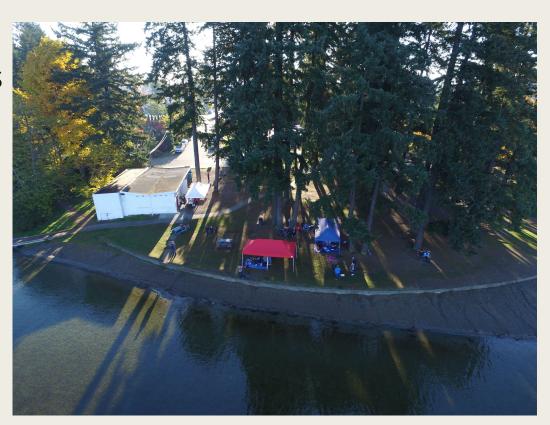
## Increased safety of paddling and rowing participants by:

- Placement of boat racks on level, stable ground and the ability to safely transport boats to and from the water
- Providing access to warm, dry facilities during inclement weather



#### **Revitalization of Loudon Park**

- Enhanced aesthetics of the park
- A source of pride for the community
- Increased security
- Washroom/change room facilities
- Docks and paths accessible for all
- Playground enhancements
- Options for increased picnic area
- Storage of city equipment



#### **Funding Opportunities**

- MOU with Rotary Club of Nanaimo North
- Provincial Gaming Funds Capital grants
- Vote-based grants Kraft; Aviva Community Fund
- Donations Project set up with BC Amateur Sport Fund; ability to issue tax receipts
- Club-based fundraising including approaching alumni
- Corporate sponsorships
- Partnerships with service groups, all levels of government

