

SYNOPSIS

The Mission Waterfront Demonstration Project was a joint venture between the Fraser Valley Regional District and the District of Mission's Spirit Square at Jack Poole Harbourside Park. It opened on May 15, 2010 marking one of the first stages of Mission's waterfront revitalization and providing the first new project and trail segment for Experience the Fraser in the Fraser Valley.

This project ties together Mission's riverfront promenade and future Experience the Fraser trail routing, links to downtown Mission, and provides spaces for gatherings, events, viewing, seating and interpretation. It is anticipated to expand over time, responding to ongoing waterfront development. The square provides a great location for future Fraser River celebrations. It showcases the community of Mission's riverfront and provides a focal point to reconnect residents and introduce visitors to the Fraser River.

As a demonstration project, the Mission Waterfront Project illustrates the kind of amenities and features that Experience the Fraser aspires to, and is a physical expression of innovative dyke planning and design with exceptional recreational benefits.



Mission Waterfront Demonstration Project along the Fraser River



Trail at the Mission Waterfront Demonstration Project



LEAD AGENCIES

District of Mission
Fraser Valley Regional District

CORE PARTNERS

District of Mission
Fraser Valley Regional District
Province of British Columbia
Mission Harbour Authority

BUDGET

\$960 000

LOCATION

District of Mission

FEATURES

- 175m of universally accessible walking/cycling trail
- Unique First Nation public art of a life-size sturgeon
- Elevated square and trail on a dyke
- Public amenities of benches, picnic tables, banners

OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Includes the first segment of a waterfront trail that will eventually span from East to West Mission and connect to other communities
- Provides a variety of access and seating options for all mobility levels, universally accessible ramps to the waterfront walkway and square, and direct access to the river where possible

CELEBRATION

- The square offers a waterfront community gathering space with benches and picnic tables for families to enjoy
- Serves as a place where people can come and watch the river rise and fall

RIVERFRONT COMMUNITY

- Marks the beginning of Mission's waterfront revitalization and is a catalyst for future exciting opportunities supporting community enjoyment, recreation, education, and for fostering a sense of community and place

PUBLIC ART

- Home to unique First Nation's public art representing the largest sturgeon caught in this location. Behold the life-size (14 feet) cedar sturgeon carving
- Five banners hang on light poles representing the important roles of the Fraser River plays for residents of this area from fishing to lumber milling to life on the river

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

- Experience the Fraser provided additional vision and resources to the Spirit Square project adding public art, interpretation and a new waterfront trail
- The Demonstration Project connects to the recently expanded Mission Harbour's River Interpretation Centre

