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Dear Neighbour:

## Spill Response Base Construction Update

As you may recall from our September 2020 letter, Western Canada Marine Response (WCMRC) is constructing a new on-water spill response base in Vancouver Harbour. This base is part of a larger expansion planned to meet enhanced spill response requirements associated with the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. This larger expansion will double WCMRC's capacity and cut mandated response times in half in South Coast waters.

The proposed 24-hour facility will operate seven days a week and consist of new docks to moor vessels, as well as an office to accommodate response crews. Response barges will act as a breakwater for rapid response vessels, mobile skimmers and workboats.

We have received a project permit from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to build the response base and we wanted to update you on our upcoming land-based construction activities.

### When will land-based construction start?

As you may be aware, we started marine-based construction in September 2020 and most marine-based activities are complete. We anticipate starting our land-based construction in mid-March 2021. Construction of the base is anticipated to be complete in fall 2021.

Work will take place on weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. WCMRC's permit from the port authority does allow for work from Monday to Saturday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. should that be required. No work will be carried out on Sundays or on statutory holidays.

### Where is this happening?

The proposed base is located at 2800 Commissioner Street, Vancouver. The location of our upcoming land-based work is shown on the map in red (overall base location shown in blue).



### What work will be taking place?

The following land-based construction activities will take place:

- Security gate installation
- Site preparation (excavation, backfill, retaining walls and drainage)
- Water and power supply installation
- Base lighting installation
- Paving
- Office installation

Additional modifications to the wharf area and work on the floats (rising, lighting and power supply installation) will also take place over the coming months and will conclude the marine-based construction.

### What will the new base look like?

The rendering below provides a north facing view of the base.



### How will this impact me?

We do not expect neighbouring residences and businesses to be impacted by this work. We have taken a number of measures to mitigate dust and noise, including limiting construction activities to daytime hours, timing truck shipments to limit impact on the community and turning off vehicles and equipment when not in use.

Please note that some trees and invasive landscape will be removed at the entrance roadway in March 2021.

Visit the project website for updates: [wcmrc.com/news/new-spill-response-base-planned-vancouver-harbour/](http://wcmrc.com/news/new-spill-response-base-planned-vancouver-harbour/)

Questions regarding the port authority's permitting process can be directed to their Community Feedback Line at [Community.feedback@portvancouver.com](mailto:Community.feedback@portvancouver.com) or 604-665-9004.

If you have any feedback, questions or would like more information, please send them to [comments@wcmrc.com](mailto:comments@wcmrc.com) or 778-991-0003. We'll keep you informed as this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

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