

OPENING OF ELK FALLS SUSPENSION BRIDGE



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The Elk Falls Suspension Bridge officially opened on May 9th. This project has been built at the same time as the upgrades to the John Hart Dam. The bridge is 90 metres long and hangs 60 metres above the Campbell River canyon floor offering a top to bottom view of Elk Falls. The structure includes

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two viewing platforms and a cantilevered platform that provides an extension over the falls. The first 40 metres of the bridge on the south side of the canyon is in the tree canopy. This will allow the suspension bridge to start slightly below the elevation of the existing trail along the south side. This project is a partnership between BC Hydro, BC Parks and the Rotary Club of Campbell River and is expected to be a must-see tourist destination for visitors on Vancouver Island. There parking for approximately



John Hart Dam

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75 vehicles, and the walk from the parking lot to the suspension bridge is just under 1 kilometre long. The park is located in BC Park Land, Hwy 28, Campbell River, enroute to the John Hart Dam Interpretive Centre. The centre is now open and serving approximately 1,200 visitors per month and is open five days a week from Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 5pm.

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John Hart Community Site Event – July 12

Construction of the John Hart Dam is underway and completion is expected in 2018/2019. The project is on budget at an estimated cost of \$1.093 billion. This project will improve seismic

performance, improve reliability, and will protect downstream fish habitat. The public will be able to see the progress on the dam, as BC Hydro and InPower BC will be hosting an annual community event on July 12. This event allows people to safely access the construction site and view some of the work and equipment;

■ The project team is working on the details of the event for 2015 and will communicate more information is the day nears. It takes place Sunday, July 12, from 10 am to 3 pm;

■ The only way to access the underground portals construction site area will be by bus;

■ People will not be able to walk into the underground tunnels

- they will be able to walk partially down the entrance ramps;

■ The concept is that people will catch a bus in downtown Campbell River, with the buses making constant loops to the portal site area, the interpretive center parking lot for various activities, and then back downtown.

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