



LADNER WATERFRONT

A New Approach After a Decade of Inaction

For nearly a decade, uncertainty around dredging, water lot tenures and the future of Ladner's waterfront has continued without a lasting solution. The City's own review recognizes that long-term tenure and channel dredging remain unresolved issues requiring senior government action.

The current approach isn't working. It's time to try something different.

Delta should use the opportunities in front of us, including the Roberts Bank port expansion, to secure tangible and lasting benefits for our community.

Our Commitments

1. Secure sustainable, annual funding for secondary channel dredging

- Our support for the Roberts Bank port expansion is contingent on securing sustainable, annual funding for secondary channel dredging. The expansion of Canada's largest port should deliver benefits to the community that hosts it. Delta will use its position to advocate for a permanent dredging solution rather than continuing to rely on one-time funding and temporary fixes.

2. Push to end the water lot moratorium

- The provincial moratorium has been repeatedly renewed for approximately a decade, creating ongoing uncertainty for Ladner waterfront residents. We will write to all provincial party leaders asking for their clear position on the moratorium and calling for it to be lifted. We will advocate for a provincial framework that provides existing float-home owners with long-term, predictable tenure.

3. Explore the Head Lease option further

- We will explore the Head Lease option further, including whether a different structure can provide long-term security while operating on a responsible cost-recovery model. Waterfront residents should not face unreasonable increases simply to make the numbers work.



4. Create Delta's Economic Development Office

- We will establish a dedicated Economic Development Office to champion opportunities along the Ladner waterfront and across Delta. The waterfront is not simply a land-use issue. It is an economic asset with opportunities for marine businesses, tourism, employment and revitalization. Delta needs dedicated capacity at City Hall to bring governments, businesses, the Port and waterfront stakeholders together.

The Bottom Line

Ten years of uncertainty is long enough.

Our approach will be to use Delta's leverage, including the Roberts Bank port expansion, to secure lasting benefits for our community: reliable dredging, secure waterfront tenures, economic opportunity and a revitalized Ladner waterfront.